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CURRENT NEWS OF CHICAGO

THE MOTTS ESTATE BEFORE CHICAGO COURT.

W. S. PLEASANT IS SOLICITING FUNDS

To Erect Dormitories for a College at Jackson, Miss.—Poney Moore Adjudged Insane and Removed to Kankakee Asylum

By Sylvester Russell.

CHICAGO, Ill.—(Special).—The second call for argument in the litigation over the estate of the late Robert T. Motts took place in the Probate Court of the Municipal Building, Thursday morning, September 14. Judge Charles S. Cutting presided. The proceedings of the day consisted of a hearing of the plea of Anna E. Motts Jackson and Mary Gertrude Jackson, her daughter, as defendants in a contest for Mrs. Jackson's lawful rights and share in the estate of the late Robert T. Motts, whom she claims to be her half-brother.

The Motts real estate, including the famous Pekin Theater, is at present in the hands of Miss Lucy Lindsay, a half-sister by Mr. Mott's father's third wife, who was housekeeper and is the present occupant of the Motts residence on Calumet avenue. Miss Lindsay and Fred Motts were represented by Edward E. Wilson, a colored lawyer, at the first hearing, but at the hearing in question Fred Motts and sons were represented by Bastrop & O'Neil, of Muscatine, Iowa, (white); while Franlin A. Dennison (also white) represented Miss Lindsay, of the Lindsay faction, which seeks to control the entire estate.

The Lindsay faction, the well-wishers of the Motts family commercially, are Hon. Ed. Green, Henry Tenan Jones, Dan Jackson, an undertaker, and Sam Corker, Jr., who all looked on with great interest as the secret facts of blood relationship which revealed themselves in favor of the woman, whom the faction of commercialism has ignored. Mrs. aJckson was represented by J. Gray Lucas, one of the ablest colored lawyers in Chicago. His arguments in behalf of his client were not only masterly but most convincing in the faces of the country lawyers, whose blushes of red depicted a shyness, especially when the rulings of Judge Cutting, sustaining Mr. Lucas, were of a disturbing order.

The witnesses procured by Mrs. Jackson were all present, including an elderly white lady who knew Mr. Motts and his sister in their childhood davs; and another colored lady, eighty-four years of age, testified fluently, and I was satisfied the white lawyers would keep her on the stand too long in defiance of respect for her age. As the hearing progressed it developed that a posthumous child or outcast, said to be the daughter of Mr. Motts' sister Kate, now deceased, was offered as an heir by evidence of two of the witnesses, who had been asked to give the child a home. There was something of a stir of excitement, curiosity and sympathy when "the girl," a handsome mulatto, who resembles the Motts family, but now a married woman of thirty, was asked to stand up to be identified by Mrs. Jackson's aged witnesses. And in all the features of the case on Mrs. aJckson's side, Lawyer Lucas with the easy repose of a great and confidential general was there with arguments and proofs by witnesses, which clearly established the fact beyond a doubt that Mrs. Anna E. Motts Jackson is the half-sister of Robert T. Motts and his brother. And in the argument it had further developed that Mr. Motts had once lived at the home of his sister, Mrs. Jackson, when he was poor and had nothing, before her husband had died and her property had been sold.

Among some of the main witnesses who gave expert testimony in favor of Mrs. Jackson, were Julia Wiley, a white lady, of Washington, Iowa; George Banks, a former Chicago undertaker, whom Mr. Motts had hired and paid to bury his brother-in-law. Albert J. Perry, treasurer of Knox College, Galesburg, Ill., produced record evidence that Mrs. Jackson is the lawful daughter of Thomas C. Motts, father of Robert T. Motts. Other witnesses were: Alice Harvey, Amelia G. Luker, Miles Shelton, Bertha Brown, Amelia Wagner, Isaah Coppage, Mary E. Butler, John Martin, Mary J. Dove, Geo. Leftridge, Carrie Leftridge, Dr. Joseph A. Kelley, Mack Montgomery, Minnie Howinen, Mary Fleming, J. Q. Grant and Mary Dixon. Mrs. Rose Brady, daughter of Kate Motts, was not called to testify. The next hearing is set down for October 6.

Contest of Three Factions.

The litigation over the estate of Mr. Motts is only interesting to the public, because of a contest between three factions. I sat in court ill at ease and lost for slumber. So dull and slothful were the proceedings of the day that I could forecast a long and tedious journey to the end of the Motts family legal war, in which a questioned fortune, both legitimate and illegitimate of gain, will dwindle away, back to the prowlers of yesterday by absorbtion and into the treachery of the law.

The Lucy Lindsay faction represents politicians and schemers, which give fear that the cause of justice may be cheated through politics. The Lindsay faction is holding Sam Corker, Jr., intact and on the board as a possible manager for the Pekin Theater; and politics are further indicated in The Broad Ax, edited by Julius F. Taylor, who criticises Booker T. Washington, and is now aiding the cause of the political force controllers of the estate.

The Fred Motts faction consists of Mr. Motts' brother and his sons, who are at present temporary managers of the theater, and who have viewed the Lindsay faction with suspicion and have withdrawn from that faction and hired their own attorney.

The Jackson faction, which is represented by J. Gray Lucas, has the weakest but most reasonable and deserving end of the contest. They are not only ignored by the other two factions, but their claim to the legal right of law and justice is threatened by money and politics. As a fearless champion of what is right and true and in justice to this poor, weak aged lady and the testimony I heard in favor of her legal claim, I am duty bound to espouse the cause of Anna E. Motts Jackson as the weaker end of a contest, where there should have been a will. As there was none, the court should be square by all means in sustaining her claims. The great mistake of the heirs has been that their attitude toward each other has been hostile where it should have been a cordial feeling and a willingness to adjust all differences in a satisfactory settlement as a necessary compromise to hold intact or divide and profit over the entire estate, which in the contest of law will be shatered and is now in jeopardy.

Local News of the Windy City.

Charles R. Anderson, of oston, Mass., has arrived in Chicago to go into business; he also brought his big new auto along with him.

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William Page and young Charles McDonald, once a chauffeur in the John W. Gates family, now run an automobile livery at 2334-36 Wabash avenue.

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Te little shooting gallery at 2952 State street is doing a thriving business. The proprietor is a popular wihte man who believes in advertising in colored newspapers.

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W. S. Pleasant, general financial agent of Christ's Missionary and Industrial College, located at Jackson, Miss., has been in the city trying to raise funds toward erecting two new dormitories and other buildings. His effort is to raise fifty thousand dollars.

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James McKinney has opened the Railroad Man's uffet at 400 State street, where he will be pleased to have the moving throng of uptown call in.

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J. Hockley Smiley, of Chicago, Ill., a well-known newspaper man, but one who has had considerable family trouble, became temporarily insane and stabbed himself one day last week. The wound was not fatal or especially dangerous. Mr. Smiley has been detained by the authorities to determine whether his case will be hopeless or whether he can be liberated.

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John Wesley Moore, notoriously known as "Poney" Moore, was recently adjudged insane and was taken from his new home, 3142 Forest avenue, to the Kankakee Insane Asylum. Moore was an ex-king among the gamblers, who made and lost money in wreckless ventures, but was always smart enough to keep clearly out of the way of poverty. He was a ruler of the black belt, and prominent in sporting circles with both races. He once owned the Turf Exchange and Hotel de Moore, at 171-73-75 East Twenty-first street, and the Palace Theater on Thirty-first street, which was a failure, and has since been converted into a dancing and music hall in connection with a buffet.

BLOOMINGTON, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Dr. E. G. Covington left Tuesday morning for Cincinnati, where he expects to join Mrs. Covington and two sons, who have for the past 14 weeks been visiting in the East. During their stay they visited Buffalo, N. Y.; Syracuse, N. Y.; Rochester, N. Y.; Albany, Niagara Falls, Oswego, Thousand Islands, Toronto, Canada. Their many friends and acquaintances were delighted to greet them and, a very pleasant reception was accorded them in each city they visited. The doctor and family will spend a few weeks in Chicago and Lagrange with friends after September 17. Mr. Earl Lewis visited with friends in Peoria Sunday....The Literary entertained Friday evening at the Mt. Pisgah Baptist church. The affair was quite a success and there was a large attendance....Mr. C. E. Jackson, president of the Douglass Social Club, entertained the members and their friends at luncheon Friday evening. All enjoyed a delightful time. Bill of fare. Chicken and dressing, potato salar, coffee and punch....Mrs. Delma Price has improved....Mr. and Mrs. Filmore Headley have returned from a visit with friends in Chicago....Mr. W. O. King has gone to Galesburg on business....Rev. Geo. Hoagland has gone to Springfield on business.

WEST BADEN, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. James Lawson is visiting her husband and is the guest of Mrs. Jennie Bell ....Mrs. Johnny Richardson has returned home after a pleasant visit to Louisville, Ky....Mr. Thomas Cole, of Louisville, Ky., is the guest of Mr. George Waddy.. ..Mr. and Mrs. Richard Clark were visiting Mrs. Mattie Alexander for two weeks from Shelbyville, Ky....Emmett Walker is at French Lick on the water. He is from Detroit, Mich.......Master Alston Alexander left French Lick September 17th for Wilberforce University....Roy Pittman, of French Lick, has gone to Michigan to go to school....Little Mamie Ann Holden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holden, is very sick......Mrs. Mamie Wing is very sick and left for Louisville to be under the care of the doctors....Mrs. Odis Burnett is better, but not able to be out....Mrs. Wright Potter is able to be out again after several weeks' illness....Miss Enal Pettiford, of Bedford, is the guest of Miss Marie Sebree. Several parties have been given in her honor.

GOV. HARMON RECOGNIZES PROTEST OF NEGROES.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

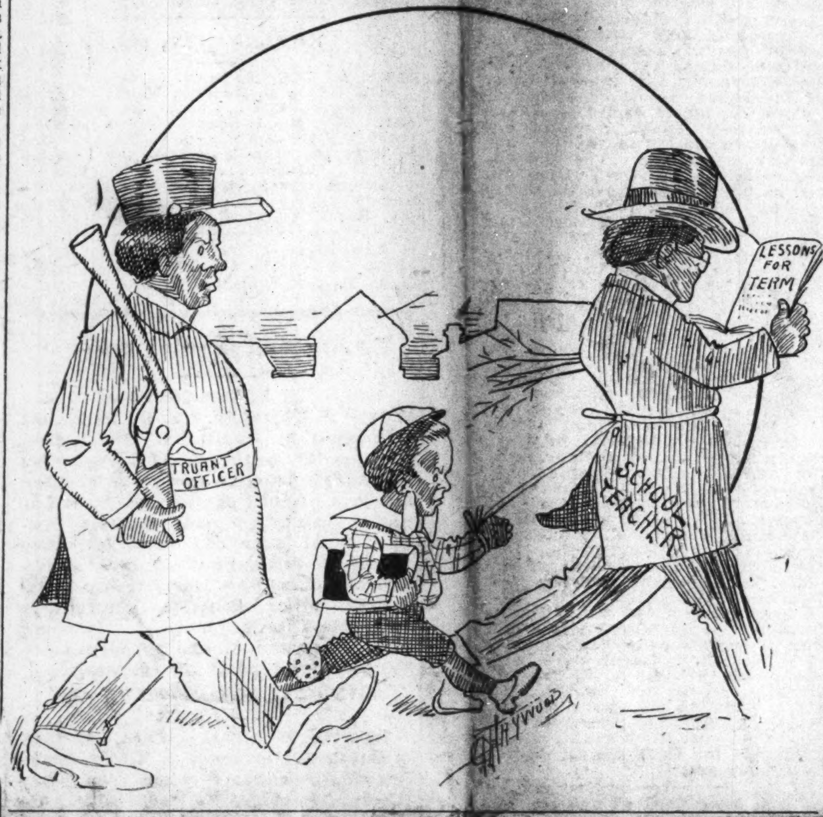
COLUMBUS, O., Sept. 18.—Ohio negroes and others who celebrate the Emancipation Day have added a feather to the crown of Ethiosia. In this particular case the Ohio Governor has strengthened the moral position of the brother in black. Much to the credit of the Negro press and colored citizens.

In will be remembered that recently one o fthe race named Justice from Green County, having been convicted of murder in the first degree, was sentenced to be electrocuted September 22. Unwittingly this date was selected by the Governor, after several commutations of sentence. An appeal immediately went to the office of the Chief Executive as a protest by negroes of Ohio. It was not in a sense to thwart the ends of justice that the colored citizens objected to but an immediate postponement of the electrocution from September 22.

The reason was obvious. September was the Emancipation celebration and naturally the colored citizens did not desire their day marred by the legal murder of one of their race. Immediately the several organizations of Ohio colored citizens, especially the Civic Leagues of Dayton an Montgodmery county, churches and societies of various committees, delegated one Francis J. Poston, a representative of the race of Dayton, to head the delegation of protest.

Immediately the protest was presented to the Governor's office, and in a brief but pointed speech, the spokesman impressed Executive Secretary Mr. John Devauney, who immediately got in touch with Gov. Harmon, who was then in Michigan. Immediately the answer from Michigan was "Recognize the day and commute said death sentence till October 8." Therefore it is certain no colored man will be electrocuted in Ohio on Emancipation Day. Credit is also given Capt. J. M. Butler, W. A. Beil, Dayton, for the sincere co-operation and to the Indianapolis Freeman, Gov. Harmon and Secretary John Devanney, of the Governor's office, and Frank W. Miller, State School Commissioner, for their appreciation of the race's efforts.

BACK IN CAPTIVITY.



SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

Social Events and Local Happenings Among the Thrifty and Gay San Antonians.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Business enterprises continue to appear in our midst. The latest is the first-class and neatly-furnished hotel in a very desirable locality ,at 227 East Crockett street, owned and controlled by Mr. E. H. Hunt....The Ben-Hur barber shop and poolroom, a place for gentlemen, and first class in every respect, was opened on East Commerce last week by Messrs. Charles Newton; Barney, Hudson and Walter Aaron....The Freeman can be found on sale at the Ben-Hur barber shop....Mr. Wm. Smothers came here recently from Kansas City for his health. He is a reader and admirer of The Freeman, and desires his friends to know of his much improved health.... Little Clestress Pirtle, of Palestine, has taken up her abode with Mr. and Mrs. A. Nunn for the purpose of attending school here this winter....Messrs. Claud Green and James Gooding gratiously and lavishly entertained Messrs. H. R. Jones Harry Davis and Wm. Campbell, The Freeman man, at 428 Austin street.... Mr. Louis Paterson, brother of Mrs. Dr. Cameron, of San Antonio, died Thursday in Galveston, and was buried Friday in Houston....Mr. Harry (Gotch) Davis, of the Menger Hotel, has quite a bunch of registered bulldogs. He sold Mr. Dave Spars one last week for $25....Mrs. Roscoe Brown is in Austin visiting her sister....Miss Lois Rutherford, of Lockart, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Harry Davis. ....Undoubtedly the greatest and most delightful social affair of the season was the party given by Mrs. Josephine Butler for Mrs. M. B. Sweatts in honor of her birthday anniversary, last Wednesday evening at the Golden West Cafe. There were numerous games played, after which a sumptuous supper was served to the guests, among whom were Messrs. Ferry Smith, F. E. Moore, J. W. Walker, W. Evergreen, George Handford, F. Coleman, John Jackson and Wallace Hunter; the Misses J. Butler, Frances Wright, Emma Howra.d Maggie Collins and many others....Bowden's Pharmacy has secured the services of Mrs. Dr. Portis, who is quite an accomplished teacher as well as a reputable pharmist. She is a former resident of Salisbury, N. C.....The Palace Drug Store has a $3,500 equipment and is doing a fine business.

McCOMB, MISS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Miss Lela Fostenberg and Jessie Moore left Sunday for school in New Orleans, La., accompanied by Miss Moore's sister. Others will leave soon....Our president of the Y. W. C. A. and one of our best young men we are sorry to lose....Miss J. Raford and brother left this week for school....The surprise party given Miss J. Raford last Friday night was one of the grandest affairs of the season. Miss Raford expressed her thanks to her many friends, after which Miss B. Gill made a nice little good-night speech....Mr. Willie Walker was the guest of Miss M. Conley last Sunday....Miss Buelah Cray has returned home from her visit in the country....Prof. A. W. Jones was the guest of Mr. N. Colton and family last week. ....Miss Diler Sciles left last week to begin her duties as a teacher....Mrs. J. Walker left last week to visit her friends. ....Miss Lily LaBranch left last Tuesday for Tuskegee Institute, Ala., where she will attend school....The fish fry at the Walker Chapel last Friday and Saturday nights was a success....Prof. A. W. Jones will celebrate his twenty-sixth birthday next Wednesday....We hope the good colored people will take advantage of The Freeman, while it is in your town. You will know what your brothers of the race are doing if you read it....Our public school is open and a large atendance is reported....When in McComb, Miss., stop at Mrs. English's hotel. It is a first-class place.

YOUNGSTOWN, O.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ervin and Miss Bessie Ervin left Thursday for Chicago, Ill., to visit Fred Ervin for four weeks....Mrs. William Franklin and Madam Dewisse returned last week from a three weeks' visit in Indianapolis, Dayton, Xenia, Columbus and Cleveland....Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Webster returned after three months' trip up the lakes....Mrs. Mary Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Richardson of Washington, Pa., were the geusts of John Thomas of this city recently....Iowa Edward Court of Calantha No. 30 will give a necktie and lottery social in Foresters' Hall Wednesday evening, September 27. All invited. Mrs. Ren was taken ill while attending a convention in Pittsburg last week and had to be brought home Friday....Rev. Dr. S. C. Manuel, D. D., of Albany, Ind., left Monday for Richmond, Va., after a ten days' visit with Rev. Taylor....The funeral of the late Henry Johnson was held Sunday from the Aak Hill Avenue A. M. E. church. He leaves two children and a number of relatives. Rev. Jesse Smith officiated....Mr. and Mrs. Braxton are rejoicing. It's a girl....Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jackson of West Myrtle avenue were called to St. Clairsville, O., Wednesday morning on account of the death of Mr. Jackson's sister, Mrs. Mary J. Goins. They returned by way of Pittsburg....The following deaths occurred in the city last week: Albert R. Payne, died Thursday morning in city hospital and was buried Friday from W. M. Montgomery's morgue. Henry A Johnson, died Wednesday evening at his home, 711 1-2 West Federal street, and was buried from the Oak Hill Avenue church Sunday. Albert Smith died Thursday morning at his home in Covington street and was buried from Oak Hill Avenue A. M. E. church Friday. Rev. JeJsse Smith officiated. Gertrude Massie died Friday afternoon at her home in Salt Spring road and was buried Sunday. Robert R. Gurthery died Sunday at the hospital in Canfield and was brought here for burial. Undertaker W. M. Montgomery had charge of the deceased's funeral....The North Ohio Conference opened Wednesday at the Oak Hill Avenue A. M. E. church with 100 delegates present. It will close Monday evening.

YAZOO CITY, MISS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Master Leantine Heis left for Alcorn A. and M. College....Mr. Henry P. Hill will leave for New Orleans University, New Orleans, La....Mr. John L. Webb, a graduate of Tusegee Institute, is one of the largest contractors in the South, having buildings under his supervision in different parts of the Southern States. He is no doubt one of the best carpenters in the country....Prof. A. J. Oaks' residence has been under way of construction for eight months, and when it is completed will cost about $30,000. Mr. Oaks is one among the largest lumber dealers in the State, regardless of color; and Mr. J. K. Vardeman has more than once praised Mr. Oaks in his paper, The Issue.

LOGANSPORT, IND.

K. Taylor is the Logansport agent of The Freeman. He was formerly of Evansville, Ind. Mr. Taylor is doing well. He sells the liquid head rest.

PAST WEEK AT LOUISVILLE

NEGRO REPUBLICANS HAVE OPENED QUARTERS.

A TREAT IN STORE FOR MUSIC LOVERS

P. C. Dix to Address Y. M. C. A. Next Sunday Afternoon—I. B. Atkins, of "On to Africa" Fame Holding Meetings in the City.

By Lee L. Brown.

(1006 West Chestnut Street.)

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—(Special).—Mrs. J. E. Brown, of West Green street, is visiting friends in Chicago.

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The colored department of the Republican campaign committee has opened up headquarters in the new U. B. F. Hall at the corner of Ninth and Magazine streets. Dr. E. E. Underwood, of Frankfort, Ky.; Dr. W. T. Merchant, Louisville, and Mr. Phil. Brown, of Hopkinsville, secretary, are members of the executive committee. The slogan seems to be "O'Rear for Governor." Mr. Phil. Brown, the secretary, is working night and day in order to bring the voters into line by the time the election comes. The following prominent men were elected as members of the advisory committee: G. W. Gentry, chairman, Standford; . W. Darden, Gracey; W. H. McRidley, Cadiz; P. H. Kennedy, Henderson; J. E. Kuykendall, Bowling Green; C. J. Vallandingham, Russellville; G. W. Bolling, Elizabethtown; N. A. Spaulding, Lebanon; M. B. Taylor, Louisville; W. A. Gaines, Covington; John H. Myers, Falmouth; T. K. Cobb, Frankfort; Dr. A. C. McIntyre, Louisville; E. W. Chenault, Lexington; A. W. Titus, Berea; J. E. Wood, Danville; E. W. Laine, Maysville; B. J. Little, Cynthiana; John L. Brunner, Winchester; John D. McGowan, Mt. Sterling; H. W. Bond, Williamsburg; Joshua Burdette, Middlesboro.

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The music-loving people of Louisville will have a grand opportunity during the season to hear the rendition of an English opera by a great chorus. The well-known musical organization, "The Louisville Oratorio," having some of the best talent in the city, will begin their fall rehearsals very soon and render the above chorus. The members are using every efforts to make their first selection the best in the history of the organization. Prof. Wm. Perry is president, and Miss Georgia Nugent, secretary.

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Mr. P. C. Dix, Kentucky state secretary of the Y. M. C. A., will be the speaker at the men's meeting, on Sunday afternoon, at 4 o'clock, at the Y. M. C. A. Building. Mr. Dix will speak on the "Religious Work of the Young Men's Christian Association." Plans are being perfected for a whirlwind membership campaign, October 16. The slogan is, "Two Hundred Members in One Day." Mr. James F. Gray is chairman of the campaign committee. Associated with him are Dr. J. A. Emerson, Prof. A. E. Meyzeek, Prof. F. S. Delaney, Dr. P. R. Peters and Rev. T. F. Blue. The Y. M. C. A. Bible School will open October 3.

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Mr. Isaac B. Atkins, founder and president of the "On to African" movement, which is being boomed by Negro leaders in this counrty, is in Louisville, holding a series of meetings on the street corners. Mr. Atkins, who is a former member of the Arkansas Legislature, led the fight against the grandfather clause in Oklahoma last fall. A national convention, to be known as "The On to Africa Congress," will be held in St. Louis, August 4, 1912. He is attracting great attention and can be seen every night along the streets lecturing to great crowds.

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Mrs. Mary Arnold, of Bowling Green, Ky., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Laura Smith, of 1126 West Green street.

Miss Ella Wade and Miss Mary Clayton, of Glasgow, Ky., are the guests of Wm. Parris, for three weeks.

Mrs. Lucy A. Brown, hair dresser, has returned to the city after a stay of two weeks in Midway, Ky., where she went to visit a sick mother.

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The Associated Charity Association indorsed, this week, the Kentucky Home Society for Colored Children, located at 807 South Sixth street, Louisville.

Mrs. Joseph E. Snowden, representing the Wm. D. Neighbor & Co., real estate and insurance, of Chicago, Ill., was in the city last ween en route to the Lexington colored fair.

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Mr. Jimmie Adams, of South Tenth street, recent graduate of the Frankfort Normal School, has been appointed as principal in the Carmi, Ill., schools.

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Quite a number of ministers passed through the city this week en route from the National Baptist Convention, which met in Pittsburgh, Pa. They report a very successful meeting.

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The White City has thrown open its gates to colored people, under the auspices of the Pythian lodges of the city. The boys are getting ready for the Baltimore (Md.) national encampment.

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The Coopers' Union, after a grand parade through the principal streets, gave a picnic at the new U. B. F. Hall, Ninth and Magazine streets. This hall is fast becoming the most popular meeting place in the city.

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Calvary Baptist Church, located at the corner of Fifth and York streets, of which Rev. C. H. Parrish is pastor, entered suit this week against the city for illegal taxing of church property.

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Rev. Alexander Hannum, pastor of the Jaeob Street Tabernacle, preached his farewell sermon last Sunday to a large audience. He left for conference Wednesday, which is in session at Henderson, Ky. It is expected that he will be returned to this city.

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Mr. Billy King, the late star and producer of Richards & Pringles' Georgia Minstrels, is the manager of the Houston Theater. He has traveled throughout the United States with some of the best companies on the road.

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Mrs. J. M. Munday and son, of Henderson, passed through the city Monday en route to Oberlin, Ohio, where her boy will enter school. Mrs. Munday is the wife of Rev. J. M. Munday, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, and principal of the St. Clement School, in Henderson.

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President George A. Gates, of Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn., was a pleasant visitor in Louisville last week. Superintendent Holland and his guest made a special inspection of the colored schools. President Gates paid a high tribute to the graduates from Central High School, who have entered Fisk.

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Our young men are branching out into business very fast in the Falls City. Each week brings forth some new enterprise. We had the pleasure of calling on Mr. Ben White, who has recently opened an up-to-date shoe shining parlor and pressing shop, located at the corner of Tenth and Madison streets.

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Quite a number of high school graduates of last year are leaving to take up courses in other schools. Among the number we note the following: Mr. Allison Brogsdale, to Ohio State; Joseph Cotter and Charles Stodghill, Fisk; A. Simpson, Miss Nannie Kelley and Miss Bernice Rice, to Wilberforce.

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Not a week passes but what one can hear complaints concerning the little girls who promenade up and down Walnut street after hours; very often they frequent chili parlors, where intoxicants are sold. The conditions are known to the parents, ministers, teachers and other public-spirited persons. Will anyone be brave enough to suggest a remedy? Mr. Foster had an article in one of the local papers a few weeks ago, calling attention to the conditions. What shall we do about it?

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The appointments for the colored night schools have not been announced. Many of us are wondering whether there will be any nights schools this year. Prof. Holland is very busy these days, and will let us all have the desired information in due time. eW passed the Central High School last week at the close of recess. We were glad to note that every teacher was in his proper place. The students marched to their class-rooms in perfect order, and there was not a sound of disorder to be noted. The teachers are to be congratulated for the almost perfect discipline. We hope in a short while to visit the class-rooms of all the schools in the city and to give our readers items of interest concerning their operation.

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Among the very progressive teachers in the Central Colored High School is Miss Scottie P. Davis, a native of Ohio; a graduate from one of the best schools in the United States; a most excellent teacher, thorough in methods and a good disciplinarian, who is liked by all her pupils. She has a host of friends. Miss Davis is a constant student, and can be found at odd times in the Public Library working out new plans in the interest of her pupils. During the summer vacation she pursued a course in the Columbia College. Each week we hope to introduce to our readers facts concerning our high school teachers, as well as those in the graded schools. We feel safe in saying that we have the most efficient set of teachers to be found in any public school of its kind in the United States.

CENTRALIA, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

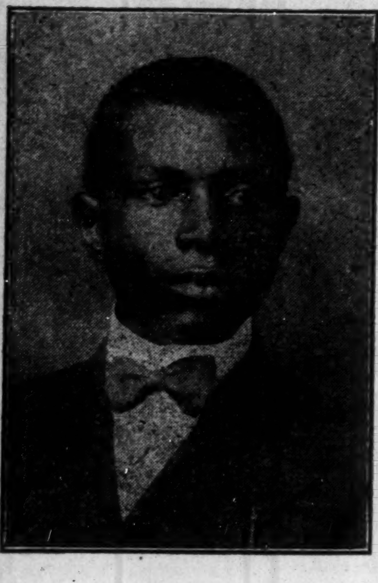
The young people held a christian culture meeting at the Second Baptist church last Sunday evening. A paper was read by Mrs. L. Harding and music was furnished by Mr. Ed Taylor, Mr. J. W. Carneal and others. Remarks were made by Rev. Allison....Mrs. M. Evans, of Russellville, Ky., is here visiting her brother, Mr. B. Cooper, and wife....Mr. John Robinson and wife, of Kansas City, Kan., are here visiting his sister, Mrs. B. Cooper....Mrs. W. Brock has returned from Jefferson City, Mo., where she entered her son Willie as a student in the Lincoln Industrial school, at that place. This is the school to which the colored people of this section should send their children.....Mrs. Smith, of Memphis, Tenn., is here visiting her son, Frank Smith....Mrs. S. Cromwell, of Artisa, Miss., was here last week visiting relatives and friends....Mrs. Letts, of Duquesne, Ill., is here visiting relatives and friends....Little Harold Hinds, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Hinds, has recovered from an attack of typhoid fever.... Mrs. R. Ferguson is on the sick list.... Mrs. M. Simpson is on the sick list.... Mr. Herman Bibbs and Miss Nellie Harden were married last Saturday evening. Rev. Allison, of the Second Baptist church officiated....Mr and Mrs Hile gave a dance at the hall on the 20th Those who were present report a good time....Mrs. Manly has gone to Champaign, Ill.... Miss Maude Macklin, Miss O. Wilson and Miss Ethel Bunch are attending the high school....Mr. Wm. Lewis went to Mt. Vernon, Ill., to be present at a K. of P. meeting....Master J. Calloway went to Chicago last week, but he did not find papa or mamma there, and he is home again....Mrs. L. Short has come home from Carlyle, Ill., where she has been for several months..Mrs. Thompson, of Metropolis, Ill., is here visiting her sister, Mrs. Jeffries and husband....Mr. James Ewing and family, of Richview, Ill., were here last week visiting relatives and friends....Mr. Clayton Arnee was on the sick list last week, but is up and around again.

SHEFFIELD, ALA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mr. and Mrs. James Jones left for Indianapolis, Ind., where they will make their future home....Mrs. Emma Wynn, of Decatur, is in the tri-cities visiting friends and relatives....Rev. J. W. Parlord, P. E. of the C. M. E. church over the Tuscumbia district, held his fourth and last quarterly conference in this city. It was both a spiritual and financial success....Mrs. Mary Polk, who has been quite ill, is improving.

HAVANA SMOKERS AND CIGARS



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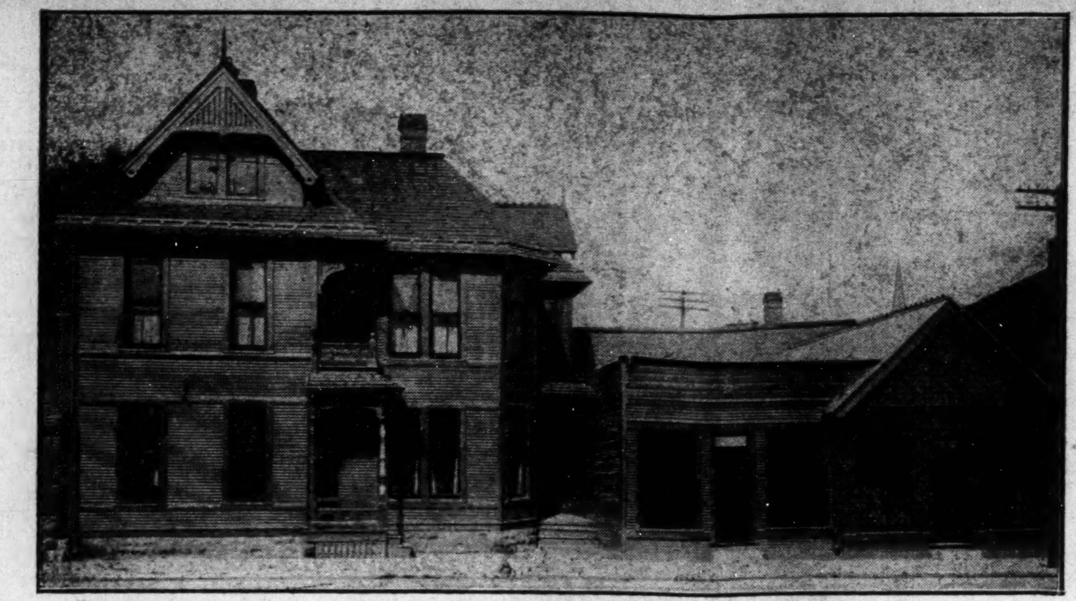

RESIDENCE AND PLACE OF BUSINESS OF JOHN H. MONTGOMERY, SPRINGFIELD, O.

A picture of whose residence and place of business appears herewith, is one of the substantial business men of Springfield, Ohio. He came to Springfield in 1884 and worked at the Arcade Hotel as head waiter for many years. A few years ago he opened a hotel of his own for colored people. Later he opened a barber shop, pool room, Young Men's Club, cafe, etc., at his present place, and it should be known that he owes nothing on any of his several pieces of valuable property which he owns in Springfield. He is a native of Gallatin, Tenn., but was reared chiefly in Ohio. He has something laid up for a "rainy day." Besides his property, for which he has refused all told $12,000, he can show a very healthy bank account.

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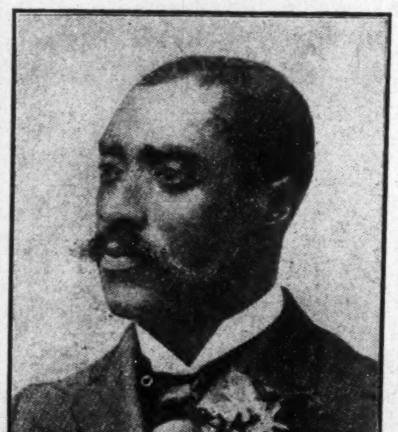
In Dr. Burton the Negro race has one of its finest specimens of the citizen, the man and the leader. No man in Springfield, regardless of creed, color, cult or condition, has a better standing in his city and community than has this man. It does not take one long to get the feeling that Dr. Burton is a man of affairs, largeness of purpose and generosity of mind. He came here from Kentucky, the State of his birth. He was reared under many disadvantages, but like most great men, overcame the obstacles and achieved his end by dint of hard work and strong will. He attended Berea College through his own efforts, after he was about grown. He afterwards taught school in Kentucky awhile. He then decided to become a doctor, and to this end he went to Indianapolis and entered the medical school, graduating in 1892. In 1893 he came to Springfield and began the practice of medicine, and ever since then he has succeeded in his profession. Dr. Burton has also for some years been active in politics, having been identified with the Republican party.



DR. THOS. W. BURTON,
Springfield, O.

Dr. Burton's friends are thinking very strongly of bringing him out as a candidate for councilman from the Seventh ward independent of all parties or organizations.

White and colored voters are loud in their promises to support him. We are certain that the city will do itself an honor to have him elected as one of its councilman. Dr. Burton is identified with the religious work of his community, being an active member of the Baptist church and also one of the officers in the Y. M. C. A. He was at one time a teacher in the Curry Institute at Urbana, Ohio. He has recently published a book "What My Experience Has Taught Me," in which any young man may find much inspiration.

ADDYSTON, OHIO.

Special to The Freeman.

Rev. C. D. Douglas, pastor of the Mound Street Baptist Church, of this city, delivered the anniversary sermon at the First Baptist Church, Sunday ,at 2 p. m. The speaker dwelt at length on the accomplishments of the pastor Rev. S. D. Sanders, during his three years work. Rev. Neal offered the opening prayer, and Mrs. Rilla Higgins read a scripture selection. Rev. R. M. Glasper was present and made an excellent talk on "Labor Conuers All Things. A solo by Mrs. Lulu Jackson closed the program. At 7:30 p. m. Mrs. Martha Thomas, of Cincinnati, delivered a well-prepared sermon from the subject, "New Things. Thus the day closed with much honor due to the efficient service of the active members....Rev. Mrs. M. J. Brannon left for Indianapolis Monday afternoon to conduct a sixten days' meeting....Mrs. M. E. Payne entertained Sunday for Mrs. M. J. Hendricks and daughter, Miss Eunice Hendricks; Mr. O. H. Cantrell, of Tennessee, and Mr. C. P. Sharp, of Cincinnati. A nice luncheon was prepared at 4 o'clock....Mrs. William Evans, of Hopkinssville, is visiting relatives at Springfield this week....Rev. W. R. Thomas left for Youngstown, Ohio, Saturday evening. His stay will be indefinite....The meetings which are being conducted at S. H. Pillows Hall, under the auspices of Mission Temple, are meeting with success. Sunday services were conducted throughout the day. Rev. E. J. McCray is pastor....Miss Edna Marshall, of Hopkinsville, is visiting relatives at Springfield....See N. C. Hawkins, The Freeman correspondent, at the Dunbar News Headquarters and leave your order for The Freeman delivered at your door, for five cents cash....Mrs. John Morten entertained Friday evening at her residence a number of guests in honor of her sister-in-law, Mrs. William Brooks, of Wilmington, Ohio. A sumptuous repast was spread at 9:30. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Riddbs, Mr. and Mrs. W. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. H. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. James Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. O. Murphy, Mrs. Mary Grubbs, Mrs. Cora Rucker, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Goins, Mrs. S. Utz, Mrs. G. Haggard, Walter Brooks and John Brooks....Mrs. M. L. Fitzpatrick received a communication from Cincinnati Friday, stating the death of her cousin, Mrs. Mollie Gant, of Covington, Ky.

DOTS FROM GREENVILLE, S. C.

Special to The Freeman.

Mrs. Hattie A. Duckitt is at home from a four weeks' stay in Tryon, Hendersonville and Laurens....The graded schools opened Monday, the 11th, with a large crowd of pupils....Mr. Tom Bivins is in the city after spending some time in St. Augustine and Jacksonville ....Dr. B. F. McDowell and Rev. T. J. B. Harris have returned from Spartanburg, where they attended the presbytery....Misses Clarine Johnson, Malisa Payne and Maggie Brier left Monday for the Catholic school in Virginia for a three years' course....Miss E. E. Jones has returned from Atlanta....Miss Mannie Porter has returned to Washington, Ga......Mr. William Curiton, after a week's illness with pneumonia, died last Friday morning at 5:30 o'clock, at his home in the Laurel creek section o fthe county. He was a member of the Reedy River Baptist church and was buried at that church cemetery Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. He was a member of the K. of P., who had charge of the services....Mr. Joe Bixwell died Monday afternoon, September 11th, after an illness of about two weeks of heart trouble. He was a faithful member of the Springfield Baptist church. He was one of Greenville's oldest citizens and was respected by both races. He was a member of Dunbar Lodge, No. 60, K. ofP., and was buried by that order Wednesday afternoon, the funeral being held at the above named church at 3:30 o'clock, conducted by Dr. G. A. Goodwin. Mr. Bixwell leaves a widow and two step-daughters. The family has our deepest sympathy....The Freeman gets the news....Mrs. Della Moses, of Anniston, Ala., is in the city visiting her sisters. She was formerly Miss Brockman. She has been living in Alabama the past twenty-one years. She is looking the picture of health....Sterling Institute will open on the 27th inst.... ....Mrs. Hattie Halloway has returned from Macon, Ga., where she went to visit her father, who is sick. She was accompanied home by her father, Mr. Jordan, who will spend some time with her. We hope he will improve while here....Mrs. Prince, of Choice avenue, is on the sick list. We hope she will soon recover......Mr. Frank Williams has moved his store and barber shop from the Gibson building in East Washington street, to the Commercial Realty Co. building, East Washington street, where he will be glad to serve his customers. This building belongs to Negroes.....Rev. J. O. Allen, Rev. A. R. Burk and Rev. J. E. Washington left Monday for Pittsburg, Pa., to attend the National Baptist convention....Mr. Chas. H. Harrison has returned from Hendersonville, where he has been cooking at the Hotel Gates for the past four or five months. His friends are glad to welcome him back home....Drs. M. J. and C. H. Hardy were in the city the guests of Dr. A. E. Boyd.,..Miss Ruth E. Batty, of Augusta, Ga., spent a few hours in the city with Mrs. E. L. Ware....Read The Freeman and keep posted on current news....Miss Russell Ross left for Rock Castle, Ala., Friday, September 8th.

BOONVILLE, IND.

Special to The Freeman.

The Boonville colored school opened Monday with a large attendance....Miss Charlotte Jennings attended Barnum & Bailey's circus in Evansville Wednesday....Mrs. Nellie Morpin visited in Evansville Wednesday.....Mr. Chauncy Green is convalescing......Mrs. Ollie Robinson returned Sunday from Chicago, where she spent two weeks with her sister, Mrs. Eva Jordan....Master Geo. Anderson is sick with the typhoid fever on East Main street....Claude Smith, a student in Meharry's Medical College, will return to enter the sophomore class at Nashville......Mr. John Phines, Jr., made a business trip to Evansville Wednesday......Mrs. Anna Green is being treated by a specialist in Evansville for throat trouble.

MOSS POINT, MISS.

By J. Lee and C. M. Gilbert.

Special to The Freeman.

The United Woodmen gave their annual picnic at the Calmont Park. Over 500 people were out and had a nice time. ....Mr. L. Aialson received a knife wound over the eye. Red John was cut on the ear. We ohpthee AN,.. shrdlu on the ear. We hope for their speedy recovery....Mr. Major Gilbert is spending a few days in Mobile with his old time friends....Mr. Henry Cook has returned from North Mississippi, where he has been for several weeks....Mr. Veirce Smith is up again after several weeks illness....Mr. Charlie Edwards has returned from Tampa, Fla., on a business trip....Mrs. Sarah Morton has returned from Fairford, Ala. She was a delegate for the Knights and Ladies of Honor....Mr. Jessie James is back at his old job after a two weeks vacation.

J. LEE.

COLORED GIRL. WINS HONOR.

Laporte Pianist Receives Engagement to Play Before European Nobility.

LAPORTE, Ind.—Miss Hazel Harrison, a young colored woman of this city, received a cablegram this week to come to Berlin, Germany, where an engagement awaits her which will give her audience as a pianist before the crowned heads of Europe. This is said to be the first time in the world's history that a colored woman has been made the recipient of such an honor. Miss Harrison is the daughter of a barber and is credited with remarkable talent. The people of Laporte will unite in a monster farewell reception for the colored girl.

MINEOLA, TEXAS.

Special to The Freeman.

Prof. R. M. Jones, our ex-teacher, is now farming and has been for some time. He has a three-acre patch planted this year at his home that will make four bales of cotton. It is called the "Bank Account"....Miss Hortense Jones has been afflicted with rheumatism for some time, but is now better....The pay school opened here September 4, and the free school will open later on....Rev. J. W. BlairBlair was here on September 9 with his moving picture show and all attending were pleased....The cornerstone will be laid at Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, September 17, in Big Sandy. This town is about twenty-four miles from Mineola....The brick business is now slow, but the compress is the place for business, and your money is sure, with no waiting for the next payday. White men are paying more for labor, and they want good work-hands all the time....Mr. J. Sessions is the man to see when you are sick....Mr. Joe Washington always wants good men on the T. & P. railroad. Don't idle away your time when there's work to do....Rev. T. B. Johnson, pastor of St. Paul's Baptist Church, was elected for another year by a large majority, on September 3....The colored men here have store accounts and bank accounts, but no bank of their own; no one to keep their money but white men. Why not the colored citizens organize a bank?....Mr. Andrew McCalla has two fine girl babies at his home, and he says Sarah is doing well, and laughed gladly....S. Anderson has plenty of pigs for sale....Cotton picking is now a better price here than in the East—sixty-five cents a hundred, and it will be higher soon. Plenty of Negroes will sell over $1,000 worth of cotton this year; but of this bounteous product how much will go into land and good homes?....George E. Wellson is the first auto manager in Mineola....Dr. Sam has been located in our little city for a number of years and has given complete satisfaction....Now for your school books. Get them at Hon. D. S. Lankford's drug store.

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Mrs. Annie E. Hallam, N. P., of Adah Temple No. 32, St. Louis, Mo., and Mrs. Sallie Braxton, delegate to the session, spent Sunday the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Douglass Martin at the New Eva hotel, 815 McGee......Mr. and Mrs. J. Douglass Martin are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Brown, o fChicago, Ill., No. 3721 LaSalle street.

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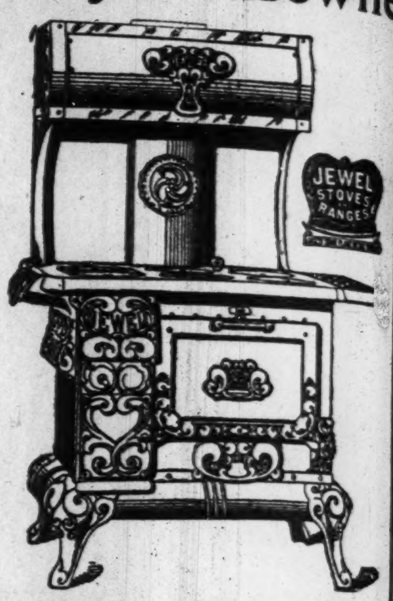

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The Church, the Mafia and the People.

(Continued from Last Week.)

There is among the Negro population of the United States, even though the administration of the law is almost entirely in the hands of another race, no settled distrust of the government and the courts, and no disposition, as is true of the Sicilian, to resort to private justice and revenge. In spite of the fact that he frequently gets into trouble with the police and the courts, the Negro is, by disposition, at least, the most law-abiding man in the community. I mean by this, the Negro is never an anarchist; he is not opposed to law as such, but submits to it when he has committed a crime.

hTis brings me to naother feature of Sicilian life, namely, the Mafia. I had heard a great deal about the Mafia in Italy and about the criminal political organizations in other parts of Italy before I came to Europe, and was anxious, if possible, to learn something that would give me an insight into the local causes and conditions which had produced them.

One of the professional story-tellers whom I encountered, while I was wandering about in the market in Catania, recalled the subject to my mind. He was retailing to a crowd in the market square a story that was even more exciting and interesting to me, at least, than the one which I have already mentioned. It was, in fact, nothing less than an account of the murders and outrages of the Blackhand in New York City.

At first it struck me as very curious that I should meet in Italy, the home of the Mafia and the Camorra, a crowd of people in the public square listening with apparent wonder and awe to the account of the fabulous crimes and misdeeds of their fellow countrymen in another part of the world. I had a sort of notion that the Black Hand operations would be so familiar to Silicians that they would have no curiosity about them. It was not so, however, and after I learned that New York had an Italian population larger than Rome; larger, in fact, than any Italian city, with the exception of Naples, this did not seem so strange. There are, as a mater of fact, more than 500,000 Italians in New York City, and eifity-five per cent. of them are from southern Italy. Among this eighty-five per cent. are very many who belong to the criminal classes. The result is that the Mafia, under the name of the Black Hand, is probably as active and, perhaps, as powerful among the Italian population in New York today as it ever was in Italy.

While I was in Palermo I had the place pointed out to me where Petresine, the Italian detective from New York, who went to Sicily to secure the records of some of the noted Italian criminals, then living in America, was shot and killed by the Mafia. Petresine was slain March 12, 1909. The killing of this American officer in the streets of Palermo served to call attention to the number of Black Hand crimes committed by Italians in this country. During the next nine months after Petresine's death it was reported that no less than fifty "Italian killings," as they were called, took place, either in New York City itself or in the surrounding territory, and from 1906 to 1909, according to statistics prepared by the New York World, of the 112 unexplained murders committed in and around New York fifty-four were those of Italians. This suggests, at least, the manner in which our own country is affected by the conditions of the masses in southern Italy and Sicily.

The Mafia, the Black Hand, as it is called in America, is a kind of institution which is so peculiar and to such an extent the product of purely local conditions that it seems difficult even for those who know most about it to explain its existence. One statement that I heard in regard to the matter was especially interesting to me. It was said that the conditions of mind which made the Mafia possible, the fear and distrust which divides the masses of the people from the ruling classes and the government, was the result of the mingling of races in the island; that the Mafia was, in short, Sicily's race problem in fact.

It is certainly true that in no other part of Europe, with the possible exception of Spain, have the different peoples of Europe and Africa become so intermingled as they have in this island, which is one of the natural bridges between Europe and Africa. In addition to the Arabs and Saracens from Africa, nearly all the races of Europe, Germans, Katins, Greeks, have all at different times lived and ruled on the island. Near Palermo, for example, there are still the remnants of a colony of Albanians, a Slavic people who speak the modern Greek and worship after the fashion of the Eastern Church; and there are fragments and remnants of many other races still preserved in different parts of the island.

My own experience has taught me, however, to distrust what I may call "racial explanations." They are convenient and easy to make, but too sweeping, and, practically, the effect of them is to discourage any effort to improve. For example, if some one discovers that the condition in which a people happens to be found at any given time is due to race; that is, constitutional, and in the blood, so to speak, then, of course, there is nothing to do. If, however, it is due to environment, education may help. The discussion and emphasis on the fact of race has been made the excuse, in the Southern States, for a good deal of apathy and indifference in regard to the hopes and progress of the Negro. In fact, whenever I hear a politician in the South ask the torical question, "Can the leopard change his spots?" I usually find that he is opposing the establishment of a Negro school or is discouraging some other effort to improve the condition of the Negro people.

The real trouble with explanations of this kind is that, as soon as a man has made up his mind, for example, that a people or class of people belongs to a so-called "inferior race," he is not inclined to support any kind of experiment like the building of a school, that may prove that his explanation was mistaken.

The real reason for the backward condition of Sicily is, in my opinion, not so much the intermixture of races as the neglect and oppression of the masses of the people. In 1861 when Sicily became a part of the Italian Confederation ninety per cent. of the population was wholly unable to read or write. This means that at this time the people of Sicily were not much better off, as far as education is concerned, than the Negro slaves at the time of emancipation. It has been estimated that between five and ten per ent. of the slaves could read and write.

One of the first things the Italian government attempted to do, after annexation, was to reorganie the school system of Italy. But even under the new government, and with a compulsory education law on the statute books, progress has been slow. In 1861, twenty years later, more than eighty-four per cent. of the population could neither read nor write, and as late as 1901 for every hundred inhabitants of school age moer than seventy were illiterate.

In practically the same period, that is, from 1866 to 1900, the Negro population in the United States reduced its illiteracy to 44.5 per cent. of the population of school age, and for every 100 Negroes in the Southern States fifty-two could read and write.

Sicily has three universities, one in each of its three largest cities: Palermo, Catania and Messina; but they are for the few, and have in no way connected themselves with practical interests and the daily life of the people. One result of the ignorance of the people is that in Sicily, where the educational qualifications exclude more persons than elsewhere from the suffrage, less than four persons in every hundred of the population vote. This is in accordance with statistics, which go back, however, to 1895. I have learned since I returned to America that a law has been passed, although it is not yet in operation, which will greatly extend the suffrage. At the same time a determined effort is being made to stamp out the secret political and criminal organiaztions.

As near as I can make out, the Mafia seems to have grown up, in the first place, like the White Caps, the Night Riders, and the lynchers in our own country, as a means of private vengeane. The people, perhaps, because they despised and hated the government, preferred to settle their scores in the old barbaric fashion of private warfare. The consequence was that the small towns were divided by tribal or family feuds. Under such circumstances professional outlaws became of service, either for the purposes of attack or defense. From conditions something like this, what is known as the Mafia sprang.

It is said that it was the rich fruit gardens of the "Shell of Gold" outside of Palermo, which gave the Mafia its first secure foothold and eventually made that city the center of its activity. In that region field guards were necessary in addition to the high walls to keep thieves out of the plantations where the gold fruit ripened almost all the entire year.

I might, perhaps, say in passing that there never was a time when it was necessary to erect walls or even fences to protect the crops from the Negro laborers on the plantations in the Southern States. When the cotton is being gathered in the fall, great quantities of it are left heaped up in the open fields, but, even in those parts of the country where the black people represented seventy-five to ninety per cent. of the population, I have never heard of guards being necessary to protect the crops. The only places in the South, so far as my knowledge goes, where anyone has attempted to protect the crops with a guard has been the melon patches in the neighborhood of the towns and cities.

In Sicily, however, the custom of building high walls and maintaining field guards to protect the crops from thieves is just as firmly established as that of erecting crosses and wayside shrines, where, perhaps, the man who has just robbed the master's field may stop and pray that he be not caught.

In the course of time these field guards in the neighborhood of Palermo became associated in a sort of clan or guild. In these guilds the most enterprising of guards eventually became the leaders and ruled those under them like tribal chiefs.

Once established, these bands soon dominated the situation. No property owner dared install a guard without the consent of the chief. If he did he was likely to have his trees destroyed or his whole crop stolen. A guard who was not a member of the band was likely to be brought down some night with a shot from a wall or hedge. On the other hand, the mere knowledge that a certain plantation was under the protection of the Mafia was in itself sufficient to insure it from attack and this, because the Mafia, through all its devious connections with the lower and criminal classes, was much better able to ferret out and punish the criminals than the police.

By making himself at the same time useful and feared in the community, the chief of the Mafia soon began to get his hand in almost everything that was going on.

He found himself called on to settle disputes. He mixed in politics and was secretly in the employ of rich and powerful men. In this way the Mafia, which was at the bottom largely a criminal organization, gained in time standing and recognition in the community in some respects, not unlie, I imagine, that of Tammany Hall in New York. When the Mafia, under the name of the Black Hand, reached New York, however, it seems to have become a criminal organization, pure and simple.

Those who have studied the history of this peculiar organization much farther than I have been able to do, say that in their opinion the Mafia or Black Hand will not long survive in America, because there is in this country no such oppression of the poor by the rich and no such hatred and suspicion of the high by the low, as is the case in Sicily, to give it general support. In other words, the Mafia is dependent on class hatred and class oppression for its existence.

Perhaps I can give some idea of what it is that embitters the poor man in Sicily, who is wothout property, education or opportunity, against the large property owners, the rich, educated and ruling class.

It is estimated by the Socialists that in Italy the laboring man pays fifty-four per cent. of the taxes; business men and the professional classes pay thirty-four per cent., while the class which lives upon rents and the income from investments of various kinds furnishes but twelve per cent. of the revenues of the state.

Italy has, I think, every kind and method of taxation which has ever been invented. There is an income tax, which varies between 7½ and twenty per cent., though small incomes of less than one hundred dollars a year are exempt. The tax on landed property amounts to thirty, forty or even fifty per cent. of the income. In addition to these there is the lottery, the state monopolies, the stamp tax and dog tax. Finally the municipal taxes on all kinds of feed stuffs which are brought into the town. This tax absorbs from twenty to thirty per cent. of the laboring man's income.

All these taxes, direct and indirect, are so arranged that the heaviest burden falls upon that portion of the community which is least able to bear it. For example, sale is a government monopoly in Italy, and in 1901 the people of Italy paid $15,000 for salt which cost the government $1,200 to manufacture. The Italian government ships salt to America for the use of the Gloucester fisherman for fifty cents a barrel, of 280 pounds, or five and three-fifths pounds for a cent. This same salt costs the Italian, because of the monopoly of the government, four cents a pound. That is to say, twelve times what it costs in America. In order to protect this monopoly the government even goes so far as to station guards along the whole sea coast to prevent people from "stealing" sea water in buckets, to obtain salt.

Fortunately the state monopoly of salt does not extend to Sicily, but the principle of taxing the people according to their necessities, rather than according to their ability to pay, is the same there as elsewhere in Italy. As an illustration of the unfair way in which the taxes are levied in some parts of the country, it is said that the donkey of the poor farmer is compelled to pay a tax, while the saddle horse of the rich landlord goes free.

In comparison with this the Negro in the South hardly knows what taxes are. The Negro farmer, for example, has an inexhaustible market for his cotton, corn, pork and vegetables, and all the other farm vegetables that he can raise. Land is so cheap that a thrifty farmer can buy and pay for a farm within five or six years.

Taxes on farm land are so low that the farmer hardly considers them in his yearly budget. Poor as some of the Negro schools are in some parts of the South, they are vastly better and more numerous than those of the country people in Sicily. More than that, the government puts no tax either on rain or sunshine, and the Negro in the Southern States has plenty of both, which is not true of the Sicilian farmer, who has too much sunshine and not enough rain. So much is the farmer in Sicily in need of water that at certain times in the year it is said that wine is cheaper than water. Finally the Negro farmer, if he desires to take a load of produce to the town does not, as is the case of the Sicilian, meet a policeman on the outskirts of the city who takes one-fifth of his cotton, corn, eggs or whatever he happens to have away from him, before he will allow him to enter the town.

One day while I was walking along the edge of the harbor in Catania I noticed a man who was at work mending a high wire netting, about twenty or thirty feet high, which extended along the edge of the water. I saw that it extended as far as I could see. Upon inquiry I learned that it was placed there to prevent the fishermen, whom I noticed constantly coming and going with their little sailing boats, from bringing their fish into the city without paying the tax.

At the customs house where the fishermen land I observed one of these fishermen, who had landed with a small quantity of fish which he was carrying to the market near by, stop and fumble in his clothes, trying to find money enough to pay the tariff. When he could not find sufficient money to pay the sum demanded, he left two small fish behind with the collector to cover the amount of the tax.

Upon injury I learned that it was the custom when a fisherman did not have cash to pay the tax which the city imposed to permit him to deposit a portion of his catch until he had sold the remainder. This poor man, after he had disposed of the remainder of his fish, would, therefore, be compelled to return and redeem the two little fish he had left behind. In this cumbersome and expensive way is this vexatious tax collected in all the cities of Sicily.

Fish is the cheapest and most abundant food the poor in the city can get to eat. The sea just beyond their doors is swarming with this kind of food. Nevertheless the city maintains an expensive army of officials to collect this miserable little tax upon the necessities of the poor.

The yearly income of a laborer's family in Catania is about 750 lire a year. Of this amount it has been reckoned that in the way of taxes upon food stuffs brought into the city the laborer pays 150 lire, or one-fifth of his whole income.

In spite of all that has been proposed and attempted to improve conditions in Sicily since that island became a part of the Italian Confederation, the government has failed, so far as I can learn, to gain the confidence, respect and co-operation of the masses of the people. Naturally, conditions which have grown up in the course of hundreds of years and have become fixed in the minds and habits of all classes of the people cannot be changed suddenly. The further I have looked into the situation in Sicily the more I am convinced that, different as it is in details, the problem of Sicily is fundamentally the same as that which we have here to face in the Southern States since the war. It is, in short, a problem of education, and by that I mean education which seeks to touch, to lift and inspire the man at the bottom, and fit him for practical daily life.

In this opinion I find that I am in agreement with the members of the commission which was appointed by the Italian government in 1896 to investigate the condition of the peasants in southern Italy, particularly in their relation to the landed proprietors. The report of the commission, which has been recently made, fills several large volumes, but the substance of it seems to be, as far as I can learn, that the root of the evil is in the ignorance of the rural population. One of the effects of Italian immigration to America will probably be the establishment of a popular school system for the people of the land.

(Continued Next Week.)

ITEMS OF RACE INTEREST.

The state of Texas has five Negro banks.

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According to report Indiana will soon have a bank controlled by Negroes. It will be under the auspices of the K. of P. lodge.

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The Odd Fellows Benefit Association, of Mississippi, has disbursed $507,000 within the first two years. Has now on hand $78,000.

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The Universal Race Congress, which met in London, Eng., July 26, opened with an attendance of one thousand persons, representing fifty different races.

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By the will of the late Miss Georgiana Harper, a colored woman of Sandusky, O., the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama receives a bequest of between three and four thousand dollars.

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The next convention of the National Medical Association at the cordial solicitation of Booker T. Washington and the Alabama State Medical Association, will be held in Alabama.

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The Illinois supreme court is again considering the question of the rights of colored children in so-called white schools. Formerly the court decided in favor of colored litigants, but the lower court repeatedly refused to obey the mandate.—The Crises.

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The Black Mammy Memorial Institute movement has begun to take shape. Athens, Ga., it is understood, will be the scene of the undertaking which seeks to memorialize the qualities of the old Negro women of slavery day in their relation to their white owners.

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William Hunter, a former student of Tuskegee Institute, both of the academic department and the shoemaking division, is foreman in the shoe repairing shop of one of the largest shoe stores in Louisville, Ky., which position he has occupied for four years. Nine white workmen are employed under him. Mrs. Hunter was Willie Ponder, also a former student of Tuskegee Institute.

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The Negroes and white people of Slidell, La., have drawn up and signed a "treaty of peace." The gist of the treaty is that it is the sense of the residents, both white and Negro, that all conflicts and acts of violence between blacks and whites are severely condemned, and that all friction arising between members of the two races shall be submitted to a committee for settlement.

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The executive committee of the recent Universal Race Congress in stating its object at the outset of the convention of the convention said: "The object of the congress will be to discuss, in the light of science and the modern conscience, the general relations subsisting between the peoples o fthe West and those of the East, between so-called white and so-called colored people, with a view to encouraging between them a fuller understanding, the most friendly feelings, and a heartier co-operation."

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The report for the operations for the past six months of the school's dairy division shows an increased volume of business over any preceding six months. Forty-three thousand gallons of milk were handled in that time; of these 43,000 galons, 37,817 gallons were made into butter. The income from dairy products for this period amounted to $8,299.89. Four routes have been established in order to supply dairy products to the families in the town of Tuskegee and the immediate school community. 125 families were reached daily.—Tuskegee Student.

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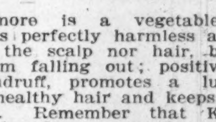

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Jump up and go it again—the aviators.

The Negro is also learning to attend strictly to his own business; it is greatly to his credit.

The weather is ideal for this time of the year. Coal carts and potato wagons are looking equally affectionate.

Flags fluttering, Odd Fellows' colors everywhere. The heart of Indianapolis, this week, looks a very place of enchantment.

Don't make any noise; you might jar the Maine "dry" and "wet" records; they might change. Maine "wet" by 26, as it is right now.

The passing of old man John R. Lynch cuts the colored race out of a representative in the United States army. It's too bad, knowing that the Negroes are such fighters.

President Taft is talking as hard as if he had it to do. Perhaps he has, if he knows what's good for him. Nothing like seeing the boys in person. And all of them can't go to Washington, you know.

The Maine "wets" have won by 26, according to the latest count. This means, as we understand it, the probable overthrow of the colossal impossibility, if we can thus express it, of the prohibition theory by constitution.

The Shoe Machinery Company has been indicted, charged with the offense of conducting business in restraint of trade. If precedence amounts to anything, the great combine will have to join the ranks of the great dissolveds.

Evidently Indianapolis has been in the clutches of a food trust for some days. Mayor Shank is working on the spell; he thinks he can break it. At any rate, he is feeling about for reasonably priced food, and, if he can find it, even if it must come from Texas.

As between the invitation of the Governor of Arkansas for all the Negroes to come back home to the South and Oklahoma's disposition to send them away as far as they can go, the invitation of the Governor of Arkansas is preferred. It looks like cordiality, at any rate.

The aviators are running the race with patience. When they spill, all they ask is that life remains. But $50,000 is worth some sacrifice. The cause of aviation, however, has the greater call. If the thing means anything, it's going to require lots of blood and money to prove it.

If the children of the white race were as thoroughly taught to have no part in mobs—murder bands—as they are to look with indifference on the Negro race, things would change in a few years. Nor does it necessarily mean mixed marriages and such like. It means abstaining from bloody minds and hands.

Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, chief of the Chemistry Bureau of the United States Department of Agriculture, has discovered a plant in New Jersey where dead horses were being prepared for consumption by the people. The worst feature of the business was that the horses were in ill health before consignment to the slaughtering pen. Dr. Wiley put his foot down on the horse food as injurious to health.

Hon. William H. Lewis is said to be persona non grata to the American Bar Association. This is because the association has many Southern members, who seem to be afraid that Lewis will take advantage of the social features of the organization. It is said that if Mr. Lewis remains a quiescent member things will go along lovely enough, but if he endeavors to shine in a social way, it will be in the abstract, since the more tangible relations will be non est.

With the retirement of Major John R. Lynch, a paymaster in the army, goes the only colored man holding a commission as officer in the United States army. We may be mistaken in the matter, but rather think the statement is correct. The condition is no less than a travesty on ten million people. The condition is not through any fault of their own. West Point is as guarded as a citadel in feudal days. The same may be said of Annapolis, the navy possibility, and yet the Negroes are among the best fighters on earth, if not the very best. But with the prospect of slit ears at West Point, added to the very much defended approaches, it will be a long day before there will be anything doing in that choice set.

If the government recognizes classes of men by refusing admission of a class to institutions for preparation for the army and navy, why not set up military academies for Negroes, where they may be taught the science of war? Why not appoint Negro officers, when proficient, for Negro troops, since they are not expected to command white companies? We are against the government recognizing the color line, but why not in these matters, since there is no possible chance to do better?

If we were to eat horses, they might have prepared sound ones, anyhow. But Dr. Wiley says we will not have to eat horses of any description. What's the use of trying to have us taking on horses? Haven't we got all of those lean has-been cows to eat up, with their milky smelling meat? It's plenty bad enough, without introducing old run-down horses, full of all sorts of complaints. Whatever may be thought of the doctor concerning benzoate of soda, he is all right on horse meat for human consumption.

WHAT THE GOVERNOR OF ARKANSAS SAID.

Governor Donaghey, of Arkansas, recently had the following to say on the racial situation:

"The cause is because of the lack of law enforcement and the proper education of the human race. The remedy would be found largely in the rigid enforcement of the law and continued education of both whites and blacks. The moral is that the Negro should come back home; he should return to the South where he belongs."

The advice to return to the South evidently is well meant, in view of the material growth of the Negro race in that section. And this phase of race development is not to be overlooked in the struggle for the greater existence. The invitation to a better material condition is indeed flattering; however, if it carries with it the idea of civil torture, such as is known in the South, it will not appear so wholesome. And while the invitation, in view of known conditions, does not appeal, yet that very objectionable condition—civil torture—has made for the material prosperity of the Negroes of the section.

The invitation at first blush appears justifiable, owing to the prosperity—but it is not our opinion that this prosperity was a thing of aforethought; it was not in the calculation. We may be mistaken in this. For the good of the section, its peace and future prosperity, we hope we are. But nowhere have we seen it writ that there was method in the civil oppression meted out, to the end that the race would thrive under its weight. An invitation to a condition that turns out helpful by chance and at the same time embodying other hurting phases, may not be so laudable, notwithstanding the material prosperity.

"The remedy would be found in the very rigid enforcement of the laws." That's all right, in a sense. But it sounds very much as if the laws were only waiting to be enforced, and that there was somewhere, or everywhere, lack of the necessary moral courage to put them into operation. The fact is that there is no way to put certain laws into force; nobody believes in them. Even those that made them repudiate them, when they see fit to do so. To put laws in operation means that there must be those to do so. In mob times, in some communities, everybody's cue is to get a gun. Surely the laws will not now be enforced.

What we need is sentiment in favor of the law's enforcement. When every individual of every community feels that it is a civil sacrilege to lay violent hands on any man, except they be the hands of authority, then the communities are right, and not before.

The mob is not so difficult to get rid of as some think. Where it thrives there's not much disposition to get rid of it. Sentiment is rather for it than against it. This would change if the influential of such communities preached the right kind of doctrine at all times. Change of sentiment as to the enforcement of the laws at all times, is it. This is not impossible.

ILL TREATMENT OF THE NEGROES IN OKLAHOMA.

The Indianapolis News, in a recent editorial, undertakes to read the white people of Oklahoma a lesson because of their disposition to push the Negroes out of that State. In doing so, however, it succeeded in getting in a very effective rap on its own account when it said:

"It would probably have been much better for us, and for the Negro, if he had never been brought here, but certainly he has made a place for himself, and is now well-nigh indispensable to our national life."

The hard part of the Negroes' lot—having been brought here and used as a good thing for years, and now, when the thing is beginning to turn, when they are getting to be a good thing on their own account and in their own behalf, a muss is being kicked up.

The white people are great to talk on; what you sow, so shall you reap. Such being the case, how do they expect to escape the consequences of their acts? They are great to help along that said to be self-adjusting law, until it is their turn, and then there's considerable artful ducking and dodging; but all to no purpose. If God were in the thing of earthly recompense or earthly condemnation at any time, He is still in it—thanks to Him for His foresight.

We can't see it that the Negro would have been better off if he had not been brought here, nor do we see it that the white people are in a poorer condition because of the fact.

The Negro may not be well-nigh indispensable, but he is doing his part in a quiet, humble way. The Negroes would do much better if permitted. So far, according to opportunity, they make the most satisfactory citizens known. In fact, they are thought to be too good. They won't strike; they don't mob; they don't make bombs. What hope is there for citizens of that kind? is what seems to be said. Were we white, with such quiet qualities, they would become the distinguishing marks of the race. These things do not count for very much as possessions of Negroes. Social contact is not expected by the Negroes, nor much of any other kind of contact, yet there are those willing to banish them from the face of the earth—merely for living.

The News evidently means to be complimentary to the Negroes in the article of which the extract is a part. The article has reference to the tendency of the white people of Oklahoma to drive the Negroes from that State. It says in part:

"The Negro unfortunately has generally attracted attention as part of the white man's load. He gains the notoriety in his worst role. And in that role we see the individual rather than the race. It suffers in reputation exactly as American citizens do in the eyes of aworld which only sees and measures us by the one grafter in thousands of good officials. When we look at the Negro in a fairer and broader sense we find that he is a great economic factor under the conditions that have been created in this country. Without him the South would be seriously crippled; for the lack of him in large numbers we in the North have to open our ports to the lowest types of southern Europeans. Canada recently had the question of Negro immigration before Parliament. What if that Parliament had decided to go into our Southern States and promote immigration of Negroes to the extent of one million to develop her waste places? The South would have been thrown into a panic and we might have lodged, as a Nation, protest against such an invasion and tampering with our economic balance. Or if the Negroes themselves should withdraw from any Northern city, what would be the effect?"

A COLORED MAN'S ADDRESS.

Champaign, Ill.

M. C. B. Mason was the chief speaker at the anniversary of the Freedmen's Aid society, of which he is corresponding secretary. He spoke at the white Methodist Episcopal church Thursday evening, September 14, during the conference. Speaking in the dialect peculiar to the Negro, yet showing the results of education, he made a stirring appeal for aid to the Negroes, especially in the black belt of the south. He told of his own life, born in slavery, and how he had to struggle to get an education. With his race's fondness for large words, he raised many a laugh, yet when he sank into more serious thought, the picture of misery of the uneducated Negro was brought vividly before the audience. The society has 24 institutions of learning with 1,000 students, but he declared more are needed. He cite dGeorgia as an example. He declared that there is not a high school in the whole state of Georgia where a Negro could poke his head in the door.

He gave an account of what the society had done for the Negro and then attempted to dissect the race problem as it exists in this country. We have three ways of helping in the society schools, by industrial training, by high education and by ethical and moral training. We have done the first, we are doing the second, but we must do the third in order to convince the other races and God that we are willing to try. He insisted that ethical and moral training is the urgent need of the Negro. In view of the current prejudice against the black man, he concluded that the real test of an American protestant Christian is the answere he gives to the question, "What are you going to do with a man on his knees before you asking for a chance?" He asked for a collection after the address......Mrs. Fanny Brewerington, of Springfield, Ill., and Miss Mabel Landers have returned home after a short visit in Danville....Mr. Ray Scott has returned home from a delightful visit to Chicago........Mr. Robert Earnest has returned home from a short visit in Homer, Ill....Mr. and Mrs. Gus Dixon have returned home after a delightful visit in Carbondale, Ill., and Charleston, Mo..Mr. S. J. Jones went up to Michigan last week and bought forty acres of land....Mrs. Geo. Merrill returned home after visiting her sick sister at Murphysburg, Ill.

BISHOP WM. BAILEY CAMPBELL DIES.

Toledo, O., September 18, 1911.

Toledo has lost one of the oldest bishops of the State of Ohio, Bishop Campbell, who passed away Thursday morning at 7:40, September 14, 1911, at the home of his niece, Mrs. Wm. White, 3011 Front street, East Toledo. His talk was always of that better home he would soon reach. He came to Toledo 30 years ago and took up his territory here. He first conducted a small church between Speilbush and Ontario streets called the Tin Top church.

Bishop Campbell was a man chosen of God and always walked in the way that sinners should follow and taught sinners that they must be saved.

Bishop Campbell did more labor in the ministerial profession than any other minister ever in Toledo in his day. Bishop Campbell and Bishop Arnold of Wilberforce were most intimate friends and they were the two that fought for the mixed schools of Ohio and gained the victory, and now we have, as you know, mixed schools in the State of Ohio. We must all remember and pay respect to the bridge that carried us through safe.

The deceased asked everybody to meet him in glory, where he has gone to rest. He leaves three sons and one daughter and one sister to mourn his loss.

Please read the Richmond Planet next week and learn of his life and labor. He was 70 years of age.

The deceased was laid to rest in Woodlawn cemetery in West Central avenue, Toledo, Ohio. He asked all sinners to turn to God and seek His grace while in their health, then said amen and died.

COLUMBUS, KY.

Mr. J. R. Johnson, porter on trains Nos. 422 and 423, T. M. O. S., returned to work September 7, 1911, after spending a week's vacation with his family which is visiting his sister and friends n St. Louis....Miss Beatrice James has been conned to her room on account of a cold, but will be out to visit her many friends, soon.

HARD-HITTING PLUTOS

Stop the March of Sprudels, Also Defeat Jeffersonville Cubs.

FRENCH LICK, Ind.—The hard-hitting Plutos, of French Lick, Ind., stopped the onward march of the West Baden Sprudels by taking two out of three games. On Sunday, September 17, the Plutos defeated the Jeffersonville Cubs in a one-sided game, by a score of 14 to 1.

First game with the Sprudels:
Plutos ....1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—1
Sprudels ....0 0 1 0 0 2 0 3—3

Batteries—Plutos, Pangborn and Armstrong; Sprudels, P. Miller and Watts.

Second game:
Plutos ....2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—2
Sprudels ....0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0—1

Batteries—Plutos, Pangborn and Armstrong; Sprudels, Pryor, Dismukes and Watts.

Third game:
Plutos ....0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1—1
Sprudels ....0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0

Batteries — Sprudels, Dismueks and Watts; Plutos, Stallard and Armstrong. Umpire, Jackson.

Game with Jeffersonville:
Plutos ....3 0 0 1 0 4 1 5 0—14
Jeffersonville ....1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0— 1

Batteries—Plutos, Stallard and Armstrong; and O'Neil; Plutos, Handy and Thomas.

LOUISVILLE TIGERS VS. CITY LEAGUE.

Game Called on Account of Rain—Crothersville, Ind.

CROTHERSVILLE, Ind.—Rain prevented the second game of the series between the Louisville Tigers and the City League team of Crothersville on the 17th of September. After the first inning the game was called, with neither side having made a score.

Manager Fuqua claims that Bib Payne, the nineteen-year-old youngster, will be the coming catcher next season. Mr. Fuqua expects to have his team in Florida all winter.

The batteries were: Crothersville, Molay and Pollard; Tigers, Houston and Payne.

B. B.'S OF EVANSVILLE

Win Third Game of the Series With Heilman Stars—Evansville, Ind.

EVANSVILLE, Ind.—The third game of the series between the Heilman Stars and the B. B.'s of Evansville for the colored championship of the city was won by the B. B.'s by the score of 4 to 0.

The B. B.s' started the scoring in the first inning. Young, the B. B.s pitcher, was invincible at all times, striking out ten men and only giving four hits.

The B. B.'s knocked Walker, the Star pitcher, out of the box in the seventh inning.

The teams were to play a five-game series, but after losing two out of three games the Stars called off the other two games. Why this was done the manager would not say. This is one thing that is hurting colored baseball. After signing contracts they fail to live up to them. If the manager of the Stars will only show a little sporting blood the B. B.'s are willing and ready at any time to play a series of games for a side bet of $200 and all the gate receipts. This makes the fifth game the two teams have played, and the B. B.'s have won four of that number. It is hoped the managers will take notice of this.

The score by innings:
B. B.'s ....1 0 0 0 0 1 2 0 0—4
Stars ....0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0

Batteries—B. B.'s, Young and Campbell; Stars, Walker, Letcher and aJckson. Two-base hits—Suggs, Young and Newton. Struck out—By Young, 10; by Walker, 5; by Letcher, 1. Umpires—Perkins and Hamerstein. Attendance—1,800.

CUBS TOO MUCH FOR THE PROFESSIONALS.

They Went to Pieces to the Tune of 12 to 1 at Louisville.

The Cubs were too much for the All-Professionals, and beat them by a score of 12 to 1. The score:

		R.	H.	E.
Cubs	5 0 4 0 0 2 0 0 1	12	14	0
All-Prof.	0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	1	3	5

The Cubs will play the Reccins team Sunday, September 24. The telegram was just a rumor as to the Cubs being stranded in Chicago, which was also published in last week's issue. The error is hereby corrected, as the club was certainly successful in Chicago.

ROYALS ROUT THE LINCOLNS.

McMahon's Men Play Poorly in Field, Making Nine Errors.

New York.

Misplays coming at critical stages of the game caused the defeat of the Lincoln Giants recently by the Royal Giants in American League Park, Rod McMahon's fast aggregation losing 12 to 3. Nine miscues, seven of which figured in the run-getting by the Royals, marred the play of the Lincolns. In the second inning an error by Wright paved the way for four runs for the Royals.

After retiring Handy in the second McClellan, who occupied the mound for the Lincolns, hit Dunbar with a pitched ball. Smith followed with a neatly placed single. McClellan put some steam on the ball and easily retired the next batter. With two gone and two on the bases, Wright fumbled Williams' easy grounder. Earle faced McClellan with the bases full and hit the first ball pitched to him for a two-bagger, scoring Dunbar and Smith. A three-bagger by Kindle, the next man up, cleared the bases. McClellan retired and Redding finished in the box for the Lincolns. In the next inning four hits and two errors resulted in three more runs for the Royals. After that the Lincolns had no chance to win. Kindle's catch of Lloyd's terrific line rfeatured the game. The score:

Royal Giants .... 0 4 3 1 3 0 0 0 1—12
Lincoln Giants ...... 0 0 0 1 0 2 0 0 0— 3

First base on errors—Royal Giants, 2; Lincoln Giants, 4. Left on bases—Royal Giants, 9; Lincoln Giants, 13. First base on balls—Off Andrews, 2; off Redding, 4. Struck out—By McClellan, 1; by Redding, 6. Three-base hit—Kindle. Two-base hits—Earle, Francis. Sacrifice fly—Earle. Sacrifice hit—Booker. Stolen bases—Kindle (2), Williams, Poles, Santop, Redding. Double plays—Robinson and Handy; Redding, Booker and Bradley. Hit by pitcher—By McClellan, 2; by Redding, 1. Passed ball—Santop. Hits—Off McClellan, 6 (in two innings); off Redding, 7 (in seven innings). Umpires—Oldis and Connolly. Time of game—2:10.

NOTES FROM PROF. WILLIAMS'.. THREE BIG ATTRACTIONS.

On our No. 2 show, known as Prof. Eph Williams Big City Minstrels, Mr. Will Goff Kennedy is stage manager. Is there with a strong cast. Prof. R. J. Anderson has the band and a good one. The show is playing to S. R. O. nightly. Among the roster of performers is Elliott and Elliott comedy sketch artists and Little Flo Russell, the ginger gal, oh, you Flo. Kid Holmes, from Shooboota, is on the list, also featuring "Who's Afraid?" The old reliable company No. 1, famous Troubadours, has lost sight of winter quarters for five years and is still on the front rank with chest out. Thomas Price, the boy with miles and miles of smiles and smiles, is still starring as Silas Green, from New Orleans. L. Don Bradford, as Bill Jones, of Chicago, in this strong bill is a scream all along. Mme. Price, the Kentucky song bird, and prima donna soprano, is playing the leading role with much eredit. Mittie Bradford and Bessie Edgerton, wooden shoe dancers and singing soubrettes, hit the turkey all along Prof. R. H. Collins has the No. 1 band, and they're a whopping good bunch of boys. No. 3 show is not open yet, but will be soon. Regards to the profession. Drop us a line.

THE LYRE THEATER, LOUISVILLE, KY.

(By George Slaughter.)

The house opened with a packed house as usual. The bill this week is a good one. Merriweather and Brown open the bill, and although they did not give us a new act, they were very well received. W. C. Sweatman, billed as America's greatest ragtime clarinetist, was a sure knockout. Mr. Sweatman held the stage for twenty-two minutes, and this is going some. He created quite a sensation here and his act alone will no doubt draw packed houses every night. His selection on the saxephone was good. The playing of two clarinets at once was something the patrons had never before had a chance to witness, and they showed their appreciation by applauding him time and time again during the rendition of his ragtime selections. No manager will regret pjlaying Mr. Sweatman. Brown and Delk were third on the bill. This act has been seen here time and time again. They were very well receivd and Miss Brown, in hr male attire, where she introduces "That's Why They Call Me Shine," was very good. Miss Delk sang "When Mariola Do the Cubanola," and it was very pleasing. Owsley and Bowman closed the bill. This was their first appearance in Louisville. They were very well received and their act was very good. Mr. Bowman is a very good straight man and Tim Owsley proved to be a very good comedian. This closed a very good bill. Mr. Louis Evans, manager of the Lyre theatre, will soon leave for New York City for a short vacation.

The G. E. C. Club.

Te G. E. C. Club, of Louisville, Ky., met at the Lyre theater Monday evening, September 11th, and made several new members. They also elected their local officers as follows: Dr. Jerome Gilliard, president; Levi Hailey, vice president; Joseph Clark, Jr., secretary Lyre theater, Louisville, Ky.; Geo. Barrett, sergeant-at-arms; John Page, K. O. B.; Louis Evans, treasurer, Lyre theater, Louisville, Ky.; grand staff—Joe Sims, first chief, 3025 State street, Chicago, Ill.; Walker Thompson, second chief, 3025 State street, Chicago, Ill.; Wm. Foster, grand chief secretary of jurisdiction, 325 State street, Chicago, Ill.; Jerome Gilliard, grand master of arms, Louisville, Ky.; Earl Walker, grand chief of K. O. B., Crown Garden, Indianapolis, Ind.; Ollie Dempsey, grand chief treasurer, 534 West Fifth street, Cincinnati, O.

CINCINNATI THEATERS.

The Gaither—The Pekin.

Mr. and Mrs. Kersands and Mr. and Mrs. Goodloe make up a very good bill at the Gaither this week. While the character of the acts do not differ to a great extent, there is enough new in the comedy of the turn to make this a very interesting program. The old original Billy Kersands, who made millions laugh a quarter of a century ago, is still making his audiences laugh as of old, and with the aid of his wife they have a very funny sketch. Mrs. Louise Kersands sings several new selections, while Billy features a very interesting recitation, "Never Kick a Man Going Down Hill. Mr. J. Goodloe shows the effect of playing this one house too often. While he showed his old time form, the patrons seem to know him so well that it was hard for the team to do something new. The Goodloes have always been big favorites at the Gaither. They have only been away about four months after a fourteen weeks' run at this one house. During that time every known line of comedy was introduced to make the people laugh, and they succeeded. This week they are putting on an entirely new turn, singing new songs, with a new line of jokes, and the sketch is funny, but they did not get them as of old.

The Pekin has a well-balanced bill this week. Little Bob Taylor and Jennie Price, who by title are products of Zinzinnati, and proud of them we are, open the show with a corking good legitimate vaudeville act, good singing and dancing and tumbling; this team is young both in age and experience, and with a little effort they should soon be heard from on big time. Miss Laura Smith and Mattie Whitman close the bill with a good singing and dancing sketch.

Notes.

"I Want Someone to Kiss" is the title of a new selection sung by Miss Rosa Brown at the Gaither last week. It was a big hit.

Miss Mattie Whitman of the team of Smith and Whitman was cut by some unknown party last Monday night and was not able to finish out the week at the Pekin.

Johnson and Roper have been booked for a two weeks' run at the Pekin.

Miss Jennie Thomas is filling the bill nicely as pianist at the Gaither.

Miss Lucy Shepherd is singing with the illustrated pictures at the Pekin.

Miss Bessie Buckner still draws the boys over to the box office at the Gaither with her winning smile.

An effort is being made toform a colored vaudeville circuit comprising the principal Eastern and Western cities where colored play-houses are now established.

CROWN GARDEN THEATER.

Earl Walker, Manager; R. S. Geyer, Proprietor.

INDIANAPOLIS.—The Crown this week presents an unusually good bill. Some of the best people in the business are there, entertaining the immense audinces that come out nightly.

The orchestra, under Prof. Wright Smith, is getting to be a feature. It puts on some swell numbers of evenings, answering often, as well as good vaudeville turns. Prof. Johnson presides at the piano with grace and ease.

Jones and Gant do a very good turn. Jones has a good talking and singing voice, also dances cleverly. Miss Gant does everything well, being one of the very few real actresses that have appeared at the Crown. Her work is similar to that of Miss Brown, of Merriweather and Brown. The act is genteel and refined, reminding one of many of those done in the best houses by white artists.

The Rollands are also rather high class. Their act consists of singing, dancing and talking, all of which met the approval of the audience.

The Too Sweets are all right. They have been expected for a very long time. They are up to their reputation. Enough has not been said of Miss Too Sweet, who really does appear too sweet in her acting to be on the stage—she is just that natural—and which, together with her child nature, makes her simply delightful. Of course, "Old Man" Too Sweet is there, looking like any other cornfield darkey—direct from field to stage. He succeeds on his merit, saying but very little that wouldn't go in the best houses. The team work is pretty, made so by the contrast of the two people. In fact, the Too Sweets are ideal.

Garry and Clinton are essentially dance artists, although both sing and carry on a line of talk. Miss Garray, who is well known to the stage, is very clever with her footwork. Really she should do more of it, thus compelling the audience to recognize her ability. She is more lithe of limb than Miss Clinton, who is, no doubt, younger; this is plainly shown, although both dance in fine style. They give a very pleasing number.

Sims and Thompson are back, and just as much favorites as ever. These boys for funmaking are not excelled on the American stage. Their fun is clean, not depending on suggestive remarks or anything bordering on the indecent. They deal in pure wit, some as fine as gold. Thopmson is fine as a straight man; he enters into the business whole-souled. It does one good to see him act. Sims is one of the gems of the stage; and some day he should be doing the lead in some of the big aggregations, following Hogan, Dudley and that class. The boys are at the head of their class—that's all.

W. L.

CHICAGO WEEKLY REVIEW.

Hattie McIntosh at the Monogram, Manzie Campbell Creates Riots of Laughter.

(By Sylvester Russell.)

Quite a few years ago Mr. and Mrs. Tom McIntosh were foremost stars in vaudeville. The great comedian died, but his wife, who had later been a prominent member of the Williams & Walker Company for over fifteen years on their tours both in America and Europe, was last season a member of Jesse A. Shipp's stock company at the Pekin. Monday evening Hattie McIntosh an dher pickaninnies, direct from a downtown house, made her first appearance at the Monogram and received a friendly welcome. She was in good voice and one of her songs was extremely convincing. The two boys who supported her danced together and did very well. Warfield and Campbell were two more popular favorites, who electrified their audiences. Manzie Campbell is not only well known as a great comedian, but his work and fun is all original and legitimately clean. As an expert snare drummer he has no equal, especially in comic work. Mr. Warfield sang and played on the piano and as a straight man was an able assistant to Campbell, who was the hit of the show. Thomas and Ward, direct from the Pacific coast, were a neat addition to the bill. Mr. Thomas' well-known discourse and his clever dancing especially called for much applause. Margaret Ward was seen to a better advantage than ever before. She was gorgeously arrayed in purple satin, wearing a picture hat with plumes and pansies of the same color. Miss Eloise Johnson gave satisfaction in a budget of songs. In spite of the absence of Prof. Sweatman, the popular clarionet leader, whose place was taken by Robert P. Scott, the orchestra was still in excellent fetter, as Will Dorsey, the pianist, and George Reeves, the trap drummer, had already made up their minds to promulgate an exaction of skill such as is only known to real artist musicians.

An All White Bill at the Grand—Margaret Marlow's Pickaninnies.

The rating of the bill at the Grand this week bordered nigh unto mediocrity. Keogh & Kohler opened the bill; Casad, Irwin and Casad gave an imaginary railroad scene; McCarty and Major gave a comedy sketch as an act and the Scott Brothers failed to show up on the opening night. The hit of the show was Earl Flynn, a very clever young dancing comedian, whose partner, Nttie McLaughlin, managed to make good. Margaret Marlow appeared to an advantage woven into the success obtained by four of the cleverest dancing picks ever seen at this house. The orchestra has improved, esepcially in the work of Frank Tate, the new violinist, who gradually puts more vigor into his harmony and style of playing. The great drawing power of Tallabro at the Pekin and the dissatisfaction of colored patrons in not seeing two or three colored acts on the bill, at any cost, has caused a falling off in attendance at this house, as that number of acts can easily be had each week. It is not the duty of your correspondent, whose general reputation of long secure standing was built upon real knowledge of the show business, to dictate to public managers, except to voice the sentiments of a sometimes grievous race of liberal spenders. Neither does it do managers any good to jar a writer who has the ears and confidence of the public. The most intelligent end of a theatrical enterprise should seek the cordiality of the heaviest figure of a press agency rather than hostility. It is not the editors of struggling newspapers, but the factors who work upon them and build them up that counts. The crowds at the Grand are now nicely handled at the doorway by Mr. Gurley, policeman of the house.

Ed Goodbar Introduces "Your Heart" at the Phoenix.

No less than 300 people had assembled at the earliest Monday evening performance when Ed Goodbar, the crystallized tenor, introduced DeKoven Thompson's new song, "Your Heart," words by B. B. Blood, illustrated in pictures. The song is really tuneful, as might be expected, coming from the author of "If I Forget." The new pictures represented "She Came, She Saw, She Conquered," "An Indian's Appreciation" and "A Romance of the West."

The Booking Agency and Vaudeville at the Pekin.

At two evening performances September 16 and 17, "The Booking Agency," a one-act farce by Juli Jones, Jr., with Charles Gilpin, Beulah Ray White and Clifford Green as chief fun-makers, was well received. Mr. Green in a makeup as a way down South lady was laughable and clever enough for anybody. Ethel Marlowe and Edgar Martin were also in the cast. The skit itself, like its author, is miscellaneous and as a mixture between an actors' agency and an employment office ample fun was provided. The vaudeville bill was headed by the Clarks, who return with a lot of new talk, and they have such good singing voices that it is a pleasure to hear them. Mr. Clark in his Hebrew and Italian imitations was cleverer than ever. Ora Criswell was the next star in evidence. She had made a hit at the Grand and now repeated it here, and only think, she looks and acts like a white lady on the stage, and while her marvelous alto voice is fresh the big time managers ought to get her. Johnson and Warfield met with a royal reception on their entrance. Lukie Johnson, who is the author of "Pansy Brown," sang one of his new ragtime songs, "In the Wonderful Land of Ease," and won favor. Charles Warfield has a nice voice and the two artists played a ragtime duet together. Bud Minus proved to be a good comedian and a very good dancer, and Martin and Motely gave their clever act, which was received with a great deal of enthusiasm.

"Tallabro" Returns to the Pekin.

With its drawing power undiminished, but rather on the increase, Nathaniel R. Harper's great human realistic melodrama, "Tallabro," returned to the Pekin last Monday night for the best part of the week's stay. The cast was the same and all the characters again stood out with potent consistency. Arthur H. Durham, whose character is really the greatest feature of the play, is a wonder in his way and manner of naturalness, and in him we see a comely but newly discovered comedian, who, if he were white, would be picked up by some manager and started. Here is a funny joke on the audiences. When Durham showed the white man (J. Lincoln Harris) the picture of J. C. Napier on the dollar note I had looked for the Tennessee people to applaud, especially those from Nashville or students from Fiske. And that's the joke. But the Negro race has only one man who is known by the nation or even, I see, by the colored folks.

Harry Goodman's Samoan Girls recently opened at Detroit for a ten weeks' stay in the State of Michigan.

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Madam Mamie Flower, the Bronze Melba, has signed with the S. H. Dudley Smart Set company. The news was received with pleasure by her friends in the West, who will hope to hear her.

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Little Johnnie Jones and Eva Moore have just finished engagements at Pittsburg and the nearby towns of Pennsylvania. They will soon return to Chicago.

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New numbers published by the Blood-Koehler Music Company are "Your Heart," by DeKoven Thompson; "Sunshine Intermezzo," by Arthur Shaw, and "In Snow Time, Dearie,'" by Hap Morris.

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The Robert T. Motts Memorial Association has submitted to me an itemized statement of the proceeds and expenditures of the one-dollar benefit which took place on August 13 at Motts' Pekin Theater. Space will not permit the domestic list, but for the satisfaction of the public the receipts are herewith given: Receipts, $364; disbursements, $243; balance, $121; additional, $10; total, $130, deposited with Douglass State Bank, credited to said association. The statement names Henry (Tenan) Jones as president; Dan M. Jackson, treasurer; Sam Cooker, Jr., secretary. The public is much obliged to this committee for the report.

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The Bruces have arrived in San Francisco, Cal., but were unable to open with the first matinee owing to the detainment of their baggage. Following their engagement at the Wigwam Theater they will have ten weeks in the interior before going to Honolulu, where they will have six weeks. They will sail for Australia directly after for thirty-five weeks in that country. Charles Bruce is a C. V. B. A. and will, of course, be socially popular out there.

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Wilbur C. Sweatman, the expert clarionet player of the Monogram Theater, made his debut as a vaudeville artist at the New Ruby Theater, Louisville, Ky., Monday, September 18. As a master of variations Prof Sweatman has no equal among any players of his race upon that instrument. He will be seen at Indianapolis next week, and as he is a C. V. B. A., Brother Elwood C. Knox, who is an honorary member, will probably hail him on his arrival.

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Bert A. Williams, the world famed comedian, formerly of Williams and Walker, but now, a member of Ziegfeld's "Follies of 1911" company, was given a complimentary banquet dinner by Fred Lawrence, city editor of the Chicago Examiner. The affair took place at a fashionable downtown caf. All the party present except Louis B. Anderson, assistant county attorney, it is understood, were white. Among others present were: Judge John E. Owens, Arthur Clark, managing editor of the Examiner; Ashton Stevens, dramatic critic; Samuel Friend, financial editor of the Examiner; W. W. Naughton, sporting writer; Lee Riley, editor of the Chicago Evening Post; Jack Barrymore, actor, and Preston Harrison, brother of Mayor Carter B. Harrison, of Chicago. The banquet took place one day last week.

The Freeman can be secured from Louis Johnson every Saturday at the Maceo theater, Charleston, S. C.

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GOSSIP OF THE STAGE

Eldridge and English are now with the Kit Carson shows.

John Larkins and his company are laying off at Washington, D. C., this week.

Gaines and Brown are scoring a big success with their act in and around Washington, D. C.

The Black Patti Company this week at Chicago, Ill.

The Roys are playing successfully through the East. Next week at New Bedford, Mass.

Porter and Porter have played five successful weeks at the Auditorium Theater, Philadelphia, Pa.

Stetson's "Uncle Tom's Cabin" Company this week at the Howard Theater, Washington, D. C.

John Wood, ventroliquist, wire L. D. Joel, 81 Decatur street, Atlanta, Ga., immediately; important.

The Watermelon Trust will open on the Pantage time next week at Pantage's Theater, Sacramento, Cal.

Billy King, the well-known performer, has taken charge of the Ruby theater, Louisville, Ky., as manager.

The Whitman Sisters made such a big hit last week at the Pekin Theater that the manager held them over for another week.

The Sambo Girls, with Edgar Connors, are headliners on the bill at Reading, Pa., this week; also scoring a big hit with their act.

Walter Jenkins, the man with the educated feet, who does three kinds of dances, is at the Minnehaha Theater, Washington, D. C.

Johnny Jones and Eva Moore at the Majestic theater, Rochester, Pa., week of September 18, with Greensburg, Pa., to follow. Doing good.

Tobe Brown would like to hear from Nelson Kingcade at once. Telegraph New Grand Theater, Thirty-first and State streets, Chicago, Ill.

Robert H. Gant, alto and second violin, is not connected with Allen's minstrels any more, having been with that organization the past six years.

The Lasses Candy Drops next week at the Hub, Boston, Mass. Frances Piniston, Marie Hudlin, Lizzie Bailey and Flora Ruffin are in the act.

G. F. Williams and his picks, B. J. Jenkins, Buster Ostin, W. H. Austin, Lillian Long and Seymour Geater, are now playing in the southern states.

H. S. Wooten, soloist tenor, is still scoring a big success with the song, "If I Had a Thousand Lives to Live." He is with the Dandy Dixie Minstrels.

Mme. Flowers, the "Bronze Melba," who has been filling engagements in and around New York, has signed to go with the Smart Set Company this season.

Harry Brooks closed at Petersburg, Va., on the 16th inst., where he scored a big hit. Will open at Ford Dabney's theater, Washington, D. C., on the 18th.

Mr. V. L. Biggs is still making good, doubling clarionet band and orchestra en route with J. C. O'Brien's minstrels. Regards to friends in and out of the profession.

Pugh and Pugh still at the Maceo theater making good. Lizzie B. Pugh is doing nicely with "That Carolina Rag." E. E. Pugh is making home runs with his funny walk.

William E. Jones, the well-known baritone, late of Dandy Dixie Minstrels, is scoring a big success at the Lincoln Theater, Washington, D. C., featuring the big song hits, including "Honey Man."

Allen and Allen, of Allen's Troubadours, with big stock company at the Air Dome, Augusta, Ga. G. W. Allen, Madam Lazellor Allen, Wilson and Davis, Baby Selirstance Parker, Dave Liston, Walter Smith and McDonnell.

William H. Chappelle has arrived in Chicago as assistant to Bert Williams, who has a tourig anutomobile racer with him. Mr. Chappelle is looking well and had a pleasant chat with his friends, Sylvester Russell and Will Foster.

McNeil and McNeil are still at the Lagman theater, Mobile, Ala., doing ne. The team will close Sunday after four successful weeks. Mrs. McNeil's mother came over from New Orleans to spend a week with her while she was in Mobile.

Miss Laura Smith, who took suddenly ill last week at Cincinnati, is better now and will be able to open a week's engagement at Mr. Ollie Dempsey's Pekin theater September 18. She will then return to her husband i nMemphis, for a rest.

Miss Bonnie Belle Thomas, after eight successful weeks at the Crown Garden theater, Meridian, Miss., spent last week with her mother at Jackson. She is now employed by the Chamberlin's Amphi theater, Birmingham, Ala., for an indefinite period.

Burt Murphy, of the team of Murphy and Francis, who has been playing alone, was compelled to cancel ten weeks work out of the Doyle office in Chicago and hurry to New York, where his wife is lying ill. Murphy was playing at the Parkway theater, Chicago.

Lawrence L. Fisher, the amusement director with the Florida Blossom Company, has closed with that company and gone into vaudeville, also Miss Rebecca Simmons. Open at the Savoy theater, Memphis, Tenn., September 17. Address all mail to the Savoy theater.

John E. Lewis, versatile performer and tenor soloist, is making good with Russell, Owens & Brooks' Stock Company at the Central Theater, Atlanta, Ga. He is doing straight work and singing classical songs in playing the part of lieutenant in the "Six Black Volunteers."

The Hamiltons (James and Willie) "The Spider and the Fly," are still away out in the Far Northwest. The week of September 10 they were at Huron, S. D.; the week of the 17th at Pine City, Minn., and Morris, Minn.; the week of the 24th at LaCrosse, Wis., and Bismark, N. D.

The team of Mills and Tansel is still at the Grand Theater in Chattanooga, Tenn. This is their seventh week at this theater. They are still going big. Miss Aggie Tansel is singing "That Dying Rag" with much success. No matter what she sings she must sing Daly's "Chicken Reel."

Prof. R. Roy Pope, director of the Annex Concert Band with Ringling Bros.' Circus, was the guest of Mr. Peter Stanley and wife, formerly of Indianapolis, during his stay in San Francisco. Prof. Pope also had the pleasure of meeting one of the leading cornetists, Mr. George Bryant, at Oakland.

Taylor and Taylor still at the McKinnie theater, Augusta, Ga. Mrs. Taylor is cleaning up singing "In the Land of Harmony" and "Cutey, Who Tied Your Tie?" Mr. Taylor is just as funny as ever and is still stage manager. The one Billy Reeves is still here and going some and so is Kid Boots and Mr. John Ellis. The Green opened up this week, also the team of Rice and Rice.

Mrs. T. J. Sadler, wife of the well-known tenor soloist, is visiting her husband at Ranier National Park Inn. Mrs. Sadler will attempt to ascend the peaks of Mount Ranier while there, and it can be claimed that she is the first colored lady to attempt the climb. The snow is from ten to twenty feet deep on the foot hills of this great mountain, which is 14,528 feet above the sea level, and it contains great fields of ice.

We are playing to S. R. O. nightly at Chamberlain Amphitheater, Birmingham, Ala. Bonnnie Bell Thomas opened the on the 11th and was a hit. The company here is the strongest in Alabama. The personnel includes Bonnie Bell, Alice Milner, Willie Day, Kid Clark, J. B. Chatman, Lula Williams, Wing-Wayne Burton, Madam Labelle Venus. Chatman had the house, and Kid Clark made a hit with his funny sayings. The show is first class in every way.

BOUGHT HALF INTEREST IN THE LYRE THEATER, LOUISVILLE, KY.

Mr. Leonard Haley, one of the most popular young men in our city, has bought a half interest in the Lyre theater, and will hereafter be actively engaged in the theatrical business. Mr. Haley is known as a shrewd business man and his advent into the theatrical world is a sure guarantee that the business wll be greatly benefited by his so doing. The Evans Bros. are to be complimented for their foresight in the selection of such a valuable asset. Mr. Haley's long experience wide acquaintance and genial manner should be a sufficient guarantee of sure prosperity and a long life for the Lyre theater, which is strictly a Negro enterprise. The patrons wish them much success.

"STRING BEANS" A RIOT IN LEXINGTON.

The tea mof May and May are appearing at the Gem theater, at Lexington, Ky. as we go to press. Word received from the Kentucky town is to the effect that the team is knocking them a twister at each performance. Mr. May is scoring heavily singing his new song "There Never Was and Never Will Be a String Bean Like Me," words by Chris Smith, music by String Beans himself. Mrs. May is singng one of ther own songs called the "National Air." Manager Bell, of the Gem theater, has booked the team for an extra week.

"PASSING SHOW" AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

(By W. P. Bayless.)

Howard Theater.

The week of September 11, Jolly John Larkins and Miss Jennie Pearl, surrounded by a large and excellent troupe, were seen at the Howard Theater in a very funny and entertaining three-act musical comedy entitled, "Royal Sam." The production is void of any unpleasant suggestions or situations, which is to the everlasting credit of those responsible for the show.

The costumes were excellent and beautiful. The choruses were well drilled and rendered and the music was full of snap and harmonious effect. Prof. H. Lawrence Freeman, who composed and arranged the musical end of the entire production, has given the public an unusual treat in musical novelty. His music possesses a harmonic cleverness and sweetness, which makes it very delightful to hear. It exhibits the rare talent and good taste of the composer. Miss Jennie Pearl is quite a favorite with a Washington audience, and was very liberally applauded when she rendered her vocal numbers. Mr. J. Francis Mores is also a favorite among Washingtonians. Jolly John Larkins is very funny and sings his songs to the delectation of the audience. He was hugely applauded when he appeared on the stage. Mrs. Calotta Freeman is easily a prima donna, and those who failed to hear her render the "Septette" missed a feast in high-class song. The range and sweetness of her voice charmed her audience to the extent that she had to take two and three encores at each performance.

The show does not carry a lot of gorgeous scenery, but what it has is fully ample to give a setting for the desired effect. The splendid ability of the performers assists admirably in producing clearness in the many lively and interesting situations.

Irving (Boots) Allen makes a very nifty "old man," and he pulls off his big comedy stunts in fine style. Miss Irene Tesker assumes the character of an elderly lady very nicely. Mrs. Anita Wilkins has a very sweet voice and renders her songs much to the satisfaction of her hearers. Mr. Tom Cross makes a good Indian chief.

On the whole, the show is a highly creditable production.

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Brown and Gaines are at the Chelsea Theater, putting on a clean and pleasing act. It is a scream and unique. They depict some fine dope in the line of character sketching. Sam Gaines says that "Washington, D. C., has got 'em."

Louis Mitchell, the original "Suey Man," is manager of the Chelsea and is booking some fine acts for the house. He is having many repairs and changes made in the house. It is his plan to have the house remodeled to the extent that the stage will accommodate performers in the future with greater facility.

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Ford Dabney, manager and owner of the Ford Dabney Theater, reports that he is making rapid progress in organizing a big vaudeville circuit.

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Miss Susie Sutton continues to be the big drawing card at the Foraker Theater. She has been at this house continuously for more than five months.

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Jeff De Mount and Andrew Tribble appeared in their new character sketch with considerable success at the Chelsea and have gone to New York City. J. Rosamond Johnson will act as the personal representative of these clever comedians. It is reported that they will open over big time very soon.

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Wiggins and Wiggins were at the Dabney Theater last week. They gave quite a clever and pleasing treat to the lovers of high-grade vaudeville. Miss Ella Jones was on the bill and came in for a large share of applause.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. Sherman Hunnicutt entertained at dinner on last Wednesday evening in honor of Prof. and Mrs. H. Lawrence Freeman. Others present were: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Douglass and daughter and Mr. W. P. Bayless.

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Miss Mae Whitman and her "Toy Comedians" are still holding big with the large audiences which they attract to the Blue Mouse. Miss Whitman is a very engaging personality and is possessed of considerable tact and ability. When it comes to presenting a new skit each week she has a knack along that line. All of her acts go big.

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Mr. R. W. Thompson, the versatile news correspondent, has returned from a long and pleasant trip throughout the New England States.

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Bradford and Robinson were held over for a second week at the Chelsea.

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The management of the Minnehaha Theater is planning the enlargement of the house. A new stage and commodious dressing rooms are to be built.

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Mr. Theodore Pankey was in the city a few days last week on business.

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King and Gee, the ginger girls, are playing at the Daly Theater in Baltimore this week.

ACTS OF THE WEEK AT THE CROWN GARDEN, INDIANAPOLIS.

Manager Walker, of the Crown Garden theater, got busy this week and handed his patrons one of the best bills of the season. Doubtless his bad luck in the past two weeks spurred him to increased action in an effort to produce that which would please his audiences.

Garay & Clinton
Singing and Dancing
10 mins. in "one."

The joining of hands of Lillian Garay and Madge Clinton, two well-known performers, has given to the stage a new act that is going to make an impression wherever it is presented. In their lines these two young women have been favorites for a long time having appeared in the past in several different offerings all of which have made good. Madge Clinton and her "Picks" are well remembered by the theater goers throughout the country while Lillian Garay was a favorite all over, appearing in the team of Garay and Bamboo. As buck and wing dancers, they are setting a pace in their new stunt that is going to eb pretty hard to follow. The songs in the new act have been carefully selected and they know how to put them over to the best advantage. A catchy parody on the popular song "There'll Come a Time" was a winner right off the reel and strange to say, although the act had had but scant rehearsing, the team worked in perfect harmony and but few in the audience could tell but what the girls had been working together for some time. "Sweet Italian Love," sung by Miss Clinton in character, was well received. as was also "That Carolina Rag" by Miss Garay. The team has a long stretch of the Harding time covering a period of several weeks. The costumes used in their dancing number were dainty pinafore dresses in white, which lent to the act an exhilirating girlishness pretty and convincing.

MADGE CLINTON

LILLIAN GARAY

The Two Sweets
Singing, Talking and Dancing
15 Mins. Full Stage.

The much heralded "Two Sweets" put in their appearance on the bill for the first time in Indianapolis. They are fully entitled to all the good things said of them in advance of their coming. Their act is a clean proposition throughout, without a single line or suggestion of vulgarity and will go in anybody's house. In the first place, the two two Sweets have departed from the timeworn slapstick variety of comedy usually offered by colored teams. They have introduced quite a bit of novelty in their act by way of a new style of dialogue, action and in fact every thing else that goes to make up an act radically different from the rest. The theme of their comedy is along clean lines that one could afford to take his wife or sister to hear without the fear of being offended. This team is a new importation from the South and we certainly can say for the people of the South if they have any more "Sweets" hurry them North as fast as the trains can bring them with the assurance that the people of this neck of the woods are anxiously awaiting their coming with the glad hand extended to greet them. Lula Sweet, the woman of the team, is a dainty little ingenue whose innocence and sweetness of personality makes one long to see her in melodrama depicting a part in this line of work. Willie Sweet is a comedian of the Clarence Wilbur order, and quite in his class as a "slob kid" but in no sense does he dive into the cess pool for his humor as does the former. His bigness of stature makes him ludicrously funny in this character which in opposition to the dimunitiveness of his partner lends a natural vein of humor in all the two attempt to do. Mr. Sweet scored heaviest, perhaps, in his descriptive song, "Jack Johnson," in which he went through all the supposed incidents of the Jeffries-Johnson fight. They were falling out of their seats at the conclusion of this number. He is a clever buck dancer. Miss Sweet sang the "To-del-o Rag," with much effect and went quite as big as did Mr. Sweet in his dancing number. Other songs in the act were "Lovey Joe," (a parody) "Fat Gal Is De Best Gal After All" (another parody) and "Monnlight Glide."

Sims Thompson
Full Stage, 15 Mins.
Singing and Talking.

Simms and Thompson were again with us for the "steenth" time in a brand new offering that pleased. These two chaps have "got him" and never let him escape. Joe Simms showed great as a wench another feature in his cap as a versatile comedian.

The Rollands
10 Mins. in "one."
Singing..

The Rollands who were reviewed extensively in our last issue, were held over by Manager Walker, and judging from the applause they got he made no mistake. The team introduced a line of songs that took quite as well as the one put over last week.

Jones & Gant
12 Mins. in "one."
Singing and Talking.

Mabel Gant came to us in this week in a new offering with a new partner by the name of Jones. They work well together and they got "theirs."

J. D. HOWARD.

RUBY THEATER, LOUISVILLE, KY.

By Lee L. Brown.

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—The show at the Ruby this week is one continuous round of fun and hilarity, and the high tension of mirth is only relieved by the introduction of catchy songs. Four most excellent vaudeville acts give the show a tinge of variety. Every number was one of merit, from the most excellent motion pictures to the closing act.

St. Clair and Thomas were a decided hit with the audience. Miss St. Clai'r dancing, and Thomas' acrobatic stunts were greeted with repeated applause.

Mr. Billy King, the veteran minstrel man, kept the house in a continuous uproar. Mr. King is classed with the best monologists in the vadueville circuit.

Miss Fanny Wise has a voice of rare quality and sweetness. She sings wth apparent ease. The sngng of "Monkey Rag" almost took the audience by storm. She is quite a favorite in Louisville.

Wallace and Sanderfer have been seen here before, but they proved that they could come back. They gave fifteen minutes of musical foolishness and dancing. Their ragtime numbers are rendered with plenty of ginger. The monkey act is about the cleverest thing seen on the local stage. They proved to be a budget of song and dance nonsense delivered in clever style. Favorable mention should also be made of Ayers' Orchestra, which is delivering the goods. In spite of the rainy weather and the White City being open there was a fair-sied crowd that greeted the performers.

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The Louisville Cubs will play the Reccus team for the championship of Louisville. The Cubs have played great ball during the season. The Reccus boys are the champions among the local white teams in the city. The game should be interesting to the fans.

PEKIN THEATER, SAVANNAH, GA.

SAVANNAH, Ga.—The following bill at the Pekin has been drawing good houses: Lee and Lee, in "The Days of '61;" Gertrude Williams, singing soubret; Denslow and Santana, ragtime favorites; Gussie Smith, the dancing sunbeam, and the Two Boyds.

Mr. Styles is producing harmony in the medley overtures and after-pieces, being strong in bringing out all that is essential to a good performance.

Billy Ward, the "Black Dockstader," is stage producer.

BILLY KING,
Manager of the Ruby Theatre, Louisville, Ky. This week's bill: Fannie Wise, Billy King, St. Claire & Thomas, Wallace & Sandifer.

LETTER LIST.

Gentlemen's List.

Beman, J.
Bradford, F. L.
Campbell, Edgar.
Emett, R. B.
Horace, Geo.
Handy, W. H.
Hughes, Atrus.
Hull, D. R.
Jones, Rastus
Johnson, London.
Kewley, Fred
Miles, Joseph J.
Mills, Jerry.
Owens, Willie.
Perdie, David.
Stevens, Augustus.
Stevens, Thomas.
Webb, Jeff.
White, Bob.
White, R. C.
Young, Billy.

Ladies' List.

Brown, Jessie.
Foster, Miss Emma.
Mason, Lillian B.
Reeves, Jesse.
Singleton, Baby Doll.
Thompson, Lizzie.

ROUTE.

RICHARD AND PRINGLES' GEORGIA MINSTRELS—Canyon City, Col., September 25; Florence, 26; Trinidad, 27-28; Walsenburg, 29; Colorado Springs, September 30.

BLACK PATTI MUSICAL COMPANY—Alhambra Theater, Chicago, Ill., September 24 to 30.

THE SOUTHERN SMART SET COMPANY (S. Tutt Whitney)—San Antonio, Texas, September 25.

WILLIAM McCABE'S GEORGIA TROUBADOURS—Oregon, Mo., September 25 and 26.

"JOLLY" JOHN LARKNS COMPANY—Uniontown, Pa., September 25; Morgantown, W. Va., 26; Fairmount, 27; Marietta, Ohio, 28; Gallipolis, 29; Tronton, 30.

PROF. EPH. WILLIAMS' FAMOUS TROUBADOURS—Winchester, Ky., September 25-26. Maysville, 27-28.

W. H. REID'S BAND, with Sells-Floto Circus—Oklahoma City, Okla., September 25; Gainesville, Texas, 26; Dennison, 27; Dallas, 28; Fort Worth, 29; Corsicana, 30.

P. G. LOWERY'S COMPANY, with the Wallace-Hagenbeck Circus—Little Rock, Ark., September 25; Pine Bluff, 27; Arkadelphia, 28; Camden, 29; Eldorado, 30.

H. W. WALLBNRG, with the Campbell Bros. Circus—Comanche, Texas, September 25; Stephenville, 26; Gatesville, 27; Hubbard, 28; Hearne, 29; Athens, September 30.

RENIX BROS.' MINSTRELS—Waverly, Iowa, September 26 to 29.

A. G. ALLEN'S MINSTRELS—Greensboro, N. C., September 25; Reidsville, 26; Danville, Va., 27.

FOREPAUGH-SELLS BROS. CIRCUS—Herrin, Ill., September 25; Metropolis, 26; Paducah, Ky., 27; Hopkinsville, 28; Clarksville, Tenn., 29; Nashville, 30.

FRED GARLAND, en route Gentry Bros.' Show—Trenton, Mo., September 25; Liberty, 26.

PROF. R. ROY POPE'S ANNEX CONCERT BAND, with Ringling Bros.' Circus—Phoenix, Ariz., September 25-26; Lordsburg, 27; El Paso, Texas, 28; en route, 29; Abilene, 30.

PUMPKIN COLOR TRIO (Perrin, Crosby and Sapara)—Majestic Theater, St. Paul, Minn., week of September 25.

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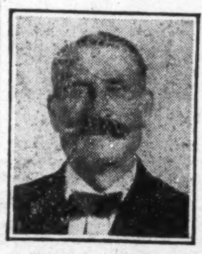

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GOSSIP OF THE STAGE

WHAT I SEE IN THE FREEMAN EACH WEEK

From the Pen of Some I Know. In Poetry You'll Find Below.

By Tim E. Owsley.

To the Ungrateful Manager:
Why say a man's no good to you, after he has gone,
When he helped you on your feet that you're now standing on?
To the Non-Diplomatic Manager:
Why say there's an act in my house I'll never play,
When that same act keeps eating and sleeping without your aid each day?
To the Conceited Author:
Why say I've written something new in every way,
When your situation hit is taken from some other play?
To the Bull-Con Actor:
Why try to make the world believe things that are untrue,
When in time they really find just what you can do?
To the Self-Praising Actor:
Why in the paper do you put things that never come to pass,
When you know a lie will be overtaken by the truth at last?
To the Knocking Actor:
Why try to queer an act that follows you in town,
When that same act will have a chance to help you up or down?
To the Critic:
Why say an act is no good and rotten to the letter,
When you, yourself, can't take their place and do it;any better?
To us all:
When we take life up one side and then down the 'tother,
There's many a day we need the help of one and each other,
So when you're knocking the other fellow and saying things untrue,
Dont forget, someone else is busy hammering Hell out of you.

STAGE NOTES.

Hester Wallace, a member of the Florida Blossoms Minstrel Co., died of typhoid fever at her home in Sherman, Texas, September 6.

J. B. Pitt, of Atlantic City, and Ida E. Westcott, of Boston, have joined hands and are making good. J. B. Pitt opened the Gem theater in Mullins, S. C., on September 9th, making good.

Ernest Watts and Billy Edwards have joined hands as a team. Watts and Edwards. Writing from Lebanon, Ky., Watts says his act is a winner. He played with succes at the Crown Garden, Indianapolis.

Happy Howe just closed a very successful engagement under the management of Wm. Vainey, of Newport News, Va. Opened the week of the 11th in Norfolk at the Pekin theater under the management of C. W. Moseley. Opened in Philadelphia the week of the 18th.

The team of Buckner and Buckner has made a decided hit in the old Acme theater, Meridian, Miss., and is going big. Floyd and Floyd are also taking them every night. Emma Thornton, the favorite, is having great success. Joe Winn is giving satisfaction as stage manager.

LAYMAN THEATER, MOBILE, ALA.

Mr. Cox is still putting on good shows. Last week's play was "Way Down South Before the War." It went big. Mr. Lagman is well pleased with his young stage manager, and says that he is the best he ever had. The people are so well pleased. Mr. Cox has been having some bad health, but is now improving. McNeal and McNeal, Sidney Coleman and the Great Cox Trio are doing well. Will be pleased to hear from good people. Address, The Freeman.

BALTIMORE, MD., STAGE JOTTINGS

Bert and Mamie played to a large house the week of the 9th, at Baltimore. Will play at Washington, D. C., week of 1th. They are better known as Green and Green.....D. Garrett and Dan Richardson and W. M. Huchem are doing some good work with the Owls. The smokers are largely attended......Pete Williams is able to be out again after two weeks illness at his home, 613 Corwell street....Notice to all performers—The Freeman can be found by applying at the Camden station baggage room or 516 West Conway street, by Harry McCubbins.

RUBY THEATER, GALVESTON, TEXAS.

Well, well, look who's here. Mr. Geo. Centers, the original Texas star and his company is now filling an engagement at the Ruby theater, of Galveston, Texas, and are packing the house nightly. Cast Lena Duson, leading lady and prima donna; Stack Moore is known throughout the South as the best buck dancer down this way. Our Juanita Ellis does not fail to get hers nightly. We were lucky enough to get the Pattersons, who just closed a sixteen weeks' engagement in Shreveport, La. They do high class stunts. The Cox's joined us this week, also Mr. Richard Lilly, who is playing a strong part in the act. A. Ritzler, sole owner; George Center, is stage manager.

DIXIE THEATER, TAMPA, FLA.

Dixie theater had quite a bill this week. Mr. Campbell, of the Campbell Trio, headed the bill with "A Friend From Your Home Town." Scott is a favorite and well deserves the tremendous applause he receives at every performance. Pauline Crampton is always good, and the audience knows it. Miss Hubbard, assisted by Mr. Grant, a very promising baritone singer, gave a pleasing turn and the act was something that has never been seen here before. Miss Hubbard gets the applause the moment she appears on the stage. This young lady really has the best wardrobe and the most extensive ever seen in Tampa. She and Mr. Grant use a piano in their act act this week and they certainly put it on. She has been requested to stay over two or three weeks longer, but will close the 17th, to open at the Globe, Jacksonville. We regret her loss, also we regret the loss of Miss Crampton, who closes with Miss Hubbard.

NOTES OF THE O. L. ADAMS SHOW.

The famous O. L. Adams show is still having success and is playing to crowded houses. Prof. Wilkie McKaven, of Baltimore, Md., joined us at Fredericksburg, Va., as piano player and orchestra leader. The show consists of "The Merry Lockhearts (Lillian and Carter). They are making a hit with their comedy sketches and songs. Miss Leaola Peters poined us from Washington. She is a dainty soubret and she makes good. Mrs. Lucindy Lathan is also making good with "Lovey Joe" and "Dying Rag.' The Hootens, "Georgia Fun Makers," Ida and Eugene, are the talk of the town. Eugene B. Hooten is stage manager and deserves much credit. Mr. and Mrs. Hooten spent two days in Washington visiting friends. Ford Wiggins (Frog) our buck and wing dancer, is making a great hit with "White folks call it Chantecleer, but it's just plain chicken to me," and Mr. J. H. Hines is using "I've Been Told." Our orchestra consists of Mr. Junious Lathan, cornet; Mr. Ed Hudgen, violin; Mr. McKaven, piano; Mr. Lockheart, traps. Mr. Adams is very much pleased with his show and expects to have two cars in November.

ACME THEATER MERIDIAN, MISS.

Playing to a full house nightly. Bradford and Bradford open the bill in comedy act which pleases.

hTe Ramsey Sisters follow in an act of school days.

The manager and patrons are very well pleased with the work.

STATE AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE OPENS.

NORMAL, Ala., Sept. 5.—The State Agricultural and Mechanical College for Negroes at Normal, Ala., opened its thirty-eighth annual session today with students from nearly every county in Alabama and all of the adjoining states.

The faculty remains practically the same as last year, but the course has been considerably strengthened.

President Buchanan has adopted in the main the course of study unanimously recommended by the presidents of the white state normal schools.

The new ten thousand dollar hospital has been completed and the old one is now used as a teachers' home and dormitory for little girls.

It is hoped that the nineteen thousand dollar girls' trades building will be finished by Christmas.

With these increased facilities, President Buchanan hopes to do more work and better than he has had the opportunity of doing heretofore.

NOTES FROM GRANT COOPER'S BAND AND MINSTRELS, WITH KIT CARSON'S BUFFALO RANCH WILD WEST SHOWS.

This being our six month of success, everything has been favorable, also the health of the company, and the main thing the Ghost walks every Sunday. Prof. A. Turner sends regards to Prof. Eason and company of the 101 Ranch, also Mr. George Connors, John Eubanks, Jr., has just purchased a Conn baritone and is giving good satisfaction on the new instrument. P. L. Joiner and wife are having great success singing "Oceana Roll" and "I've Got Your Number." Mrs. Lula Cooper is making a big hit singing "Let Me Call You Sweetheart." The band consists of Grant Cooper, trombone; B. C. Campbell, tuba; John Eubanks, Jr., baritone; Lonnie Kyle, alto; A. Turner, cornet, violin; B. F. DeLeo, cornet; Ernest Williams, snare drum; Peter L. Joiner, bass drum.

ABOARD A. G. ALLEN'S PRIVATE CAR "999"

P. L. Jenkins Writes from Bristol, Virginia.

After a fortnight up in the Alleghenies, we are nearing the close of our tour of the two Virginias..Jas. Wise, "from Georgia by telegraph," is singing "Lord have mercy on a married man," one of Dockstader's latest hits. Mr. Wise is peculiarly adapted to drollery and his work sets the audience wild nightly. "Oh, you Jimmie."....Messrs. Geo. Day, Jas. Lathen, Worlds aDvis and Chas. Rue, forming a male quartette, is scorig nightly singing everything from classical to ragtime....Mr. Ed Sherwood, as "Alex," and Mr. Wm. Earle, as "Cordelia," are outdoing all previous efforts in their fifteen minute act, entitled "Wildcatting."......Body Harris, comedian, singing "If he comes in I am going out," backed up by his grotesque dancing, has proven himself a valuable asset....Mr. apoleon Black Njoined on August 9th at 2Eckman, W. Va., and he immediately assumed the duties of stage manager. His ability in this direction is known from the mighty Atlantic to the placid Pacific. He desires to hear from Bobby Kemp.

NOTES FROM EPH WILLIAMS' BIG CITY MINSTRELS.

"The best colored show under canvas" is the concensus of public opinion everywhere the big City Minstrels appear.

From a musical comedy standpoint we have some of the cleverest performers in the business.

Cemo Harris, contortionist, joined at Keystone, W. Va. George Baker the "Prince of the Wire," still holds the large audiences that greet us spellbound. Bessie Edgington's wooden shoe dancing brings forth long and unstinted applause. Flo Russell's coon song singing causes a general talk.

The comedy sketch of the Elliotts (Frank and Ella) are a scream, and their whirlwind buck dance finish never falls of encores.

Miss Jennie Hale, the pleasing mezzo soprano, is a high-class number that brings forth many comments from both press and public.

Will Goff Kennedy, the actor, leaves a lasting impression, and his rendition of "Toledo Tune' and "Constantly" is all that could be desired.

Charley Lewis, in his uaint monologue, always pleases.

The band, under R. J. Anderson, plays "some" music. Jesse Reeves received his gold-plated Holton trombone, and is the talk of our noonday parades.

Fred Kewley, our clarinet player, is withou a dtoubt one of the best musicians in the business.

Mrs. R. A. Williams, our genial manager, does everything in her power for the comfort and betterment of the people in the show, and much success is due to her business sagacity.

R. C. Puggsley, our business manager, is ably seconded by W. A. Baynard. Eb. Clayton is boss canvasman, with fourteen assistants. John Williams, son of the proprietor, is master of transportation.

MUSKOGEE, OKLA.

The McDaniel Comedy Company at the Pastime Theater.

The McDaniel Comedy Company, No. 1, at the Pastime theater, is playing to crowded houses nightly. Every member is well and happy. Tom Overton, our comedian, has got everything his way; his stage name, Doe Doe, is in everybody's mouth. Mr. J. W. Brown is well again and is doing straight in all of our productions. S. R. McDaniel, the singing and dancing comedian, has always got a fresh one to spring on the audience that leaves them screaming. Anna Overton, our versatile soubrette, is making good singing "The Totoloe Tune," "The Alamo Rag," "When You're In Town," "That Daffy Rag" and numerous other selections. Alma Webster, our musical director, is featuring Rossiter and Haviland's hits in her orchestra. The Pastime theater has a seating capacity of over eight hundred and it is not large enough to hold the crowds Saturday, Sunday and Monday nights. The McDaniel Comedy Company, No. 2, is now playing at Oklahoma City, Okla. Chintz Moore is general manager, and Otis H. McDaniel, manager of No. 1 at Muskogee, Okla. Thelma Roberts, the popular ticket seller and stenographer, has returned from a visit to her home in Dallas, Texas, and reports good business for the theaters of that city. Hester McMahon, an old member of the McDaniel Comedy Company, has gone to St. Louis, to take a stage there, it is reported. A. W. Williams, also a former member of the company, is still at Oklahoma City, Okla., playing at the Dixie theater; both good boys, but, don't knock boys, the hammer may fly back and hit you; it does sometimes, you know. Ain't it? Arrangements are now being made to make Muskogeea headquarters for performers, and the Trio State circuit, which is nearly completed, will mean lots of work in this section of the country. Labor Day is a frost here; rain, yes. The Muskogee readers of The Freeman want more news of Oklahoma. Can you blame 'em? These people are hustlers, can you blame 'em? Send more Freemans, Boss, town's too large. Everybody reads it here.

The Whitman Sisters (Essie and Alberta) opened at the Pekin Theater, Asbury Park, September 4, to S. R. O. "Gulfport," their comedian, and Prof. J. N. Woods, Essie's husband, still hold their own; and the three kids are great. Essie Whitman, the manager of the act, still possesses that great contralto voice, and scores a big hit singing "The Washington Rag," which was written by her sister, Alberta, who writes all the words and music for the act. There is great promise in this young lady's ability as a song writer.

RICHARDS & PRINGLE'S MINSTRELS NOTES.

Clarence Powell sends regards to Billy King and Marsh Craig, and says for both to write, as they owe him letters. "Why don't you write, Billy King, and tell me something," says Mr. Powell.

Abe Wright sends regards to clever Billy Young, Jerry Mills and F. B. Woods.

Mr. and Mrs. Major Daniel were the guests of Miss Bessie Gray in Salt Lake City.

Fred Richardson, clainettest, joined us on the 12th and proved quite an addition to Prof. Simpson's superb band.

Johnny Haywood, our orchestra leader, who was sick, is improving steadily.

Wm. Brown, trap drummer, would like to hear from L. D. Joel, theatrical king.

Mr. David D. Smith, of the Famous Georgia Minstrels, is making the nightly storm of applause singing the great hit entitled "Ain't No Friend to Nobody That Ain't No Friend to Me," his own composition. Mr. Smith is also manager of the Alabama Quartet, known the world over as the comique wonder. Smith is a baritone singer therein. He would like very much to hear from a good first and second tenor and a male soprano, that can sing and dance. Ability is the only thing required. He sends regards to Billy Kersands and Mrs. Louise.

George A. Williams is still a member of the Progressive Georgia Minstrels, in a musical act known as the Four Musicians, namely, Fred Simpson, George A. Williams, Piccolo Jones and Sylvester Williams. This act is one of the heaviest numbers on the bill in the olio. George Williams has become quite a song writer, a genius always busy. He has written several good songs, such as: "In Wrong Fare Thee," "There'll Be Nothing Left but the Bones," "Where Is He?" "I Stand Alone' 'a bass solo). Williams sends regards to Major Fulton, Dr. Jones, Saul White and Fred Stone.

SEEN AND HEARD WHILE PASSING.

S. Tutt Whitney with Smart Set Company.

"Qou Vadis, whither goest thou?" This is the question that should be asked of every young man or woman who aspires to the theatrical profession and makes application to join a company or work in a theater, either in stock or vadueville. The profession is being overrun with medicore performers, who, if they were asked the foregoing question could only answer: "I don't know where I'm going, but I'm on my way." The majority of this army of incompetents is influenced by a mad desire to escape the kitchen, dining room, hod, washtub or anything else that spells work; others are out for a good time, while some have been seriously misled as to the quality of their talents by well-meaning friends at home.

There is only room in the theatrical profession for the ambitious performers who are in love with their work. Those who are willing to labor to attain the highest mark are the ones who will succeed. The day of the ignorant Thespian is passing. I don't mean that a performer must know Greek and Latin and be able to write three or four degrees after his name. A shoemaker who knows all about the art of shoemaking is an educated shoemaker. So a performer who knows all it is possible to learn about the stage is an educated performer.

A knowledge of four things is indespinsable to the success of a colored performer: A knowledge of the art of singing, dancing, elocution and how to use the English language correctly. It is surprising to note how few singers have any knowledge of music or the first rudiments of voice culture. The art of dancing is being acquired more rapidly—mostly by imitation. I mean that it is impossible to talk entertainingly to an intelligent audience without a knowledge of elocution and ho wto speak correctly.

It is easily within the province of every colored performer to acquire a knowledge of these arts. Daily study, application and assimilation will do it. "Labor omnia vincent."

"The heights by great men reached and kept
Were not obtained by sudden flight;
But they, while their companions slept,
Were toiling upwards in the night."

"There's always room at the top." Remember it is better to aim high and miss, than aim low and hit.

MOBILE (ALA.) DOTS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Rev. Beck, former pastor of Hope Chapel A. M. E. Zion Church, carried on a series of meetings at the State Street Church, last week, of which much good was the outcome. He preached some interesting sermons, and spoke last Sunday morning at Zion Church to a large and appreciative audience. He left then for Washington, D. C....The agent was the recipicant of a very beautiful bouquet of flowers, sent by Mrs. Susie O'Brien. Many thanks for the same....Messrs. Smith, Jenkins and Williams, postmen, are on their annual vacations, and are spending the time in Oak Grove, a resort. ....Captain J. S. Leiper says the traffic in freight and passengers has broken all records for the Eastern Shore Transportation Company. All the different companies will realize a successful year.... Dr. E. T. Belsant spends every Sunday on the Eastern Shore, where his family is spending the summer in this heated period. The doctor has learned to be a pretty good swimmer....Quite a number of boys and girls left for Tuskegee Institute last week....School days are here, and the parents should see to it that the young people are in attendance....Lagman's Theater has been very liberally patronized for the past four weeks, regardless of the extreme heat. James Cox and his trio have acted very good in each change of their vaudeville bill, and he has been strongly supported by the Conley Family, the McNeils and Miss Sidney Coleman, the specialist in ragtime songs. As a whole the patrons have been well repaid for time spent at the performances in this show house, down in Bingham, or we should say down in Mobile... The Mobiles and Colliers played a game of ball September 10 at Dixie Park. A large crowd witnessed the game. The score was 15 to 1 in favor of Mobile. Raymore was very effective, striking out twelve men, with three assists and two hits, and played an errorless game. The receiving was done by Prof. Chapman. Uncle Joe McCoy and the professor are the candy kids this year, and are training the youngsters to a queen's taste. Chapman boasts of the best team in Alabama. He would like to hear from big league clubs for spring games in 1912. Mr. Gayles Forbes is easily the best umpire in this section....What has become of the Negro Baseball League? Clubs owners and managers should try to organize a circuit in the West, South and East, consisting of six clubs to the league, as follows: West—Chicago, St. Louis, Louisville, Kansas City, Indianapolis and West Baden. East—New York could arrange to take care of itself, as the chances there are better for Negro baseball players. South—New Orleans, Houston, Dallas, Pensacola, Birmingham, Scranton and Mobile. Suggestions from Handsome Peter.

TULSA, OKLA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Freeman is acknowledged the best and foremost journal among the race, and is in great demand among Tulsans....Prof. G. U. Hughes has been appointed principal of the city schools.... Miss Anna Partee leaves in a few days to take up her school work at Claremore....Mr. Ed Carter leaves next week for Oberlin, O., to attend school. We will miss our Ed, but will gladly await his return next May....The Young People's Coterie Club are entertaining Tuesday evenings with their monthly program and banquet. The Coterie club is composed of some of Tulsa's very best talent along moral and social lines, and they entertain in grand style......Mr. James Neally, our society bud, was seen out at services alone, rather queer for our James....Mr. Barney Cleaver, our popular policeman, returned last week, after a ten days' visit to his old home in West Virginia. We need you at home, Barney......Mr. J. W. Williams has returned after an extended visit to her home in Jackson, Tenn....Rev. Caldwell preached an able sermon Sunday morning at the First Baptist church....Read The Freeman and get in touch with your friends and relatives in other parts of the country, as The Freeman is read from ocean to ocean and in Canada and England. Learn to read more of your own literature and by so doing you can see and learn what the race is doing elsewhere. You can only see the darker side through your local papers. Call up 199 Black and order The Freeman from Mason or leave orders at Rev. J. C. Weatherland's barber shop for same. Success to the race.

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IN THE FIELD OF SPORT.
BY HAROLD C. McGRATH.

The manager of the football team of the Logansport, Ind., high school team refuses to allow solored students to make the team. The faculty of the school threatens to disband the team as the means of cutting out the color line.

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The West Baden Sprudels are feeling pretty well after putting one over on the Pittsburg league team a few days ago. Well, Manager Taylor knows how to get the work out of the boys. He is kind but firm—fatherly always, "my boys," dotingly, he says.

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LONDON.—The directors of Earl's Court, which is controlled by the American amusement promoter, Calvin Brown, decided on the 4th to allow the Johnson-Wells fight to take place, having been advised that the holding of the contest will not conflict with the terms of their license. The church army and other religious bodies have petitioned the county council to prohibit the fight.

FIFTY-TWO PUGS WILL REMEMBER JOE GANS.

He Was a Champion at Landing Knockouts—Tommy Ryan Next to Him.

BALTIMORE, Md.—Critics have raved here about the horrors imparted by a punch from the fist of a Sullivan, a Wolcott, a Ketchel or a Fitzsimmons, but, although this quartet of big fellows had the kick that concludes the show long before its regular time, they did not hurl over the final dose with the unceasing consistency of a little fighter now dead.

A year ago the former athelete, then a physical wreck, was brought from the Arizona wilds to Baltimore in the express car of a fast mail train. He was on his way to Baltimore to die, and he wanted to draw his last breath in the presence of his relatives. His attendants on the train feared lest he should expire before he got to his home town. He was but the shadow of the man, tuberculosis having done its work, and his body had weakened until his breath came in quick, short gasps. But he reached Baltimore alive and passed away there soon after his arrival.

That ghastly object with hollow cheeks and sunken eyes had once been Joe Gans, the "old master" of the lightweights, and the champion knocker-out of all time.

Gans put more men down for ten seconds than any other battler that ever waltzed into a ring. Fifty-two of 'em in all. A record that may stand for all time. Of course, he had plenty of time in which to build up the morgue, for he was fighting for eighteen years. And oftener than that old patriarch, Bob Fitzsimmons.

Consistent Knocker-out.

Many of Gan's knockouts came during his early career, as is frequently the case. Nearly every boy who amounts to anything, barring those yho are especially favored by nature, was a knocker-out in the days of youth and inexperience, where the first punch generally is a forecast of the end. Gans, however, not only dropped his opponents in the starting stage, but he kept it up through the years, a fact that would tend to show that the great Negro was a methodical ringster and always had some certain blow in view after he had sized up the man in front of him.

Here is the Baltimorean's record of "curtains" during his life in the ring: 1891-92-93-94, 8; 1895, 4; 1896, 5; 1897, 1; 1898, 3; 1899, 2; 1890, 7; 1901, 5; 1902, 9; 1903, 3; 1904 and 1905, 0; 1906, 1; 1908, 3.

Today, when that Boston Negro, Sam Langford, is battering everybody against the ropes, you will be surprised to learn that Samuel does not rank next to Gans as a cruel hitter. Tommy Ryan, and not Langford, had the next biggest list of dead ones attached to his catalogue. The ex-middleweight and welterweight champion tossed forty-four bodies upon the mat in his time. Langford's record is forty and he comes third.

Ketchel Might Have Made Record.

For the length of his ring experience, Stanley Ketchel might be rated as the greatest man killer, but there are no figures from which to build an argument. There's no telling what he might have done had destiny shaped another course for him, or if he had lived. Ketchel had thirty knockouts in seven years.

Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, that wise boxer of Slowtown, who tried to turn back the hands of the clock a month ago,, and was given a severe beating for his lack of prudence, amassed thirty-eight decisive victories while in activity.

Fitzsimmons felled thirty-five in a career of twenty-eight years, Sharkey put down the same number in a much shorter time, Tommy Burns put away thirty-four in eight years, and Walcott accomplished the same feat. Young Corbett laid over the final one thirty-one times.

EXCITING GREAT INTEREST.

Championship Games Between B. B.'s and Heilman Stars at Evansville, Indiana.

The coming five-game series between the Heilman Stars and the B. B.'s of Evansville, for the colored championship of the city, has created a great deal of excitement and the first day was a real holiday. Doctors, lawyers and business men from every part of the city attended the game. Never before in the history of baseball in this city have the colored and white people of this vicinity shown their love for the great game as they did here on the 4th of September, when the two teams lined up at Pottery park. Every inch of space in the grand stand and bleachers was filled and those that were late only found standing room. Talk of the games had been on the tongue of every local fan for many weeks and everyone was in line and ready to root for their team the moment the umpire called the game. The first game resulted in a decisive defeat for the Heilman Stars. The game was won by the B. B.'s by a score of 7 to 1. The game proved to be a very exciting one, as "Iron Man" (Jimmie) Runyon, the B. B. pitcher was in splendid condition and had the Stars eating out of his hand, only giving them two hits. Lefty Letcher, pitched a great game for the Stars. The two teams play September 10, 17, 22 and 24. The catching of Campbell was the feature of the game. Score by innings:

										R.	H.	E.
B. B.	1	4	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	7	8	3
Stars	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	5	3

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JACKSON STARS WIN FROM NATCHEZ.

The Jackson Stars closed the season in Natchez, Tuesday, September 12, by winning from the Natchez Cubs, 12 to 7. This makes the series even as Natchez won two games and lost one in the beginning of the season. Score by innings:

Jackson	2	0	0	1	0	0	5	4	12
Natchez	3	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	7

Natchez gave up in the eighth. Batteries—Procter and Kenard, for Jackson; Mule and Scotland Gaines for Natchez. The features of the game was a home run by Kenard with one on base, and a triple by J. Owens with two on base in the fourth for Natchez. Umpire—Bud Scott.

DOUGLASS CENTER ATHLETIC CLUB, CHICAGO, ILL.

The Douglass Center Athletic Club gymnasium was well filled on the evening of September 12, when a public stag was pulled off with an entertainment to please the guests and spectators.

Arthur Virgin, the Greek wonder, and James Judge took to the mat, Judge winning the two best out of three falls. Zambara and Sam Williams boxed six minutes to a draw. Wil Caldwell and Will White boxed most entertainingly four rounds to a draw. Babe Adams and Perkins boxed to a draw in four rounds. Chas. Porter and Harry Watson boxed to a draw in 20 minutes. Horace Taylor and Vernon Feathers also went 20 minutes to a draw. Will Watkins has gone to New York to fight Joe Williams on October 1. Chas. Henry Foster, a student and pedestrian, will start September 11 to walk to Exeter, N. H., in sixty days. He has a letter of indorsement from Mayor Harrison of Chicago, Ill. The officers of the Douglass Center Club are Sam Allston, president; Joe Haddox, vice president; Frank Crittendon, secretary; Kid Monday, director and instructor, and Roy Bird, assistant trainer.

SYLVESTER RUSSELL.

A. B. C.'S GET BACK AT T. T.'S

Beat White Lads Both Games at Indianapolis.

INDIANAPOLIS—The A. B. C.'s, smarting under the drubbing the T. T.'s gave them, got back at the white lads in good shape last Sunday at the Northwestern Baseball Park. The T. T.'s started out most courageously—looked like winners in both games at the outset—but the colored lads cut 'em down. Pitchers were banged freely enough, but the good fielding kept the games interesting. Score:

First game:

A. B. C.'s	1	0	0	0	2	3	2	0	1	9
T. T.'s	0	2	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	5

Second game:

A. B. C.'s	0	0	0	4	1	3	0	0	8
T. T.'s	1	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	6

White Sox next Sunday.

FANS GIVE LANGFORD GOOD CHANCE TO BEAT JOHNSON.

Declare Precedent That Clever Big Man Always Wins May Be Reversed in This Case.

NEW YORK—Can Sam Langford by any possible manner wrest the world's heavyweight championship title from one Jack Johnson. This is the perplexing question that is worrying the fighting fraternity on both continents. The plain fact that these black men so far overshadow their rivals at present that they are the only gladiators fit to battle for the title forces the issue.

Sifting it down finer, cn a good little man beat a good big man? History answers emphatically "No!" Nevertheless, is this particular case many close and smart students of the sport feel that precedent will be reversed.

All acknowledge that Jack Johnson is a great fighter, though skeptics claim that in beating Jeffries he licked only a shell of a great man. Every one who has seen Sam Langford at full speed admits willingly that he is a wonderful fighter. Whether he can upset tradition and cold calculation is the burning sport question.

Scanning the measurements of both of the men, figures favor Johnson greatly. His height gives him an advantage of five and three-fourths inches. When facing a smaller man Johnson has only to throw his body back and the smaller man suffers great disadvantage. Attacking a smaller rival, he towers over the latter and takes useful advantage of his length. In agility he is no man's understudy, and for cleverness he stands supreme.

Sam Thinks He Has Chance.

If he and Langford get in the middle of a ring in Gotham there will be a real startling surprise for the spectators. The first impression they will have will be, "How long can the little man stay?" Cold facts make it appear suicidal for Langford to battle Johnson. But if Jack Johnson will face him, Langford will travel across the world to get the opportunity. That's how much of a chance the little man thinks he has.

A comparison of the measurements shows one part of the body—a principal part— in which Langford holds the palm; that is the chest. Under normal conditions he measures 44 inches around the upper trunk, while Johnsor only shows 39, an advantage of five inches for Langford. Ring history shows that the majority of great fighters possessed abnormal chests. During a long and strenuous encounter the organs hidden there perform the real functions of the battle. The vast lung power stands for endurance. That word means everything.

Around the waist Johnson measures 30 inches, while Lasgford slides the tape to 33 inches. These figures prove that except for the length of the torso Langford has a sturdier body than his rival.

In the length of reach both men can stretch 72 inches, and the other portions of the arm and leg vary so slightly that there is really no difference.

Coming down to the weight, Johnson, when down to fighting trim, tips the beam around 200 pounds. Langford now does his best work around 180 pounds. So in this respect there is not such a huge difference when one figures that in the heavyweight division weight cuts little figure.

Record in Champ's Favor.

Breaking away from the anatomical, which favors the present champion, one naturally turns to the records of both men. There is only one fight that can readily be used as a criterion of the respective prowess of both fighters. When Sam McVey faced Johnson it took the latter twenty rounds to knock him out. Sam met Langford years later and all that Langford could do was to get a draw. McVey was as good as Johnson (counting experience) when they met, and when he clashed with Langford the latter was under no particular handicap. On this one fight the scales sway toward Jack Johnson.

But take Langford's complete record and compare it with Johnson's. Langford figures far and away the best. This black tornado won most of his real fights by knocking out his men. Johnson generally gathered his victories by outpointing his man. Johnson took eleven rounds to beat Flynn into helplessness. Langford just used one punch to accomplish the same task. This is claimed by the Langford camp to amply prove that Langford is a better puncher than his rival.

Here's a pertinent question: "Does Johnson like the graft?" Nobody knows. There never has been a fight in which the champion had to take real punishment. When he met Ketchel the latter dropped Johnson. The middleweight champion was a good hitter, but he could never equal Langford in strength and power of delivery in his blows.

Langford a Body Fighter.

Should the two clash Johnson's method of fighting would be the same as of old—feinting and then countering inside. Langford, fighting his regular battle, would keep bearing in, trying to land on the body. Can Johnson's cleverness, jabbing and chopping keep the miniature fighting machine away from that center of attack? That is a question. Langford, built as he is, with all his massive strength stored within a small space, could assimilate terrible punishment before he would stop tearing after that vital part of Johnson's frame. Very seldom does Langford attack the face and head until the strength and steam of an opponent has faded under bruising wallops.

Johsson has been leading a life of dissipation since crowned at Reno. Langford is a family man of clean habits.

Can Johnson overcome the ravages of his past pace and training to take off his surplus flesh? Can Johnson stand up and take the terrible punishment that Lasgford is capable of dealing? Can Johnson with his marvelous science beat Langford, also a clever man, and stand off the latter's persistency? Can Johnson prevent Langford from wresting the world's championship? The facts must answer. Many clever fellows of fistiana are quite sure Johnson can do none of these things.

NEGROES CANNOT TAKE BEATING, SAYS BURNS.

Johnson's Trainer Says They Have Less Assimilative Powers Than White Men.

When a blackman quits in a prize fight the fans usually call him "yellow."

"But it's not 'yellow' that makes him quit," says Professor Watson Burns, the trainer in general to Jack Johnson. Mr. Burns is helping condition Johnson for the annihilation of a Saxon, known in British pugilistic circles as Bombadier Wells, said annihilation being scheduled for the last of September.

Johnson is superstitious, therefore he must haye Burns with him when he is training. The black champion thinks Burns is a sort of talisman, and if he is not around the training quarters that he (Johnson) might get licked. But listen to the professor:

"If you will glance at the names of the Negro boxers who have attained prominence you will observe that nearly all of them have been extremely clever men. Johnson is no exception to this rule. In the old days Peter Jackson was a very clever fellow; so were Dixon and Gans, and Walcott also possessed a deal of skill. Everyone knows that Sam Langford is a wonderfully clever man. But it is rarely that you will find any prominence through what I might call bulldog tactics.

Colored Men Not Quitters.

"It seems to me that men of my race cannot take the punishment that white men can. They do not seem to have as great powers of assimilation. For this reason you will frequently hear thoughtless persons refer to colored boxers as 'quitters,' but there is little merit in such a contention.

"To my way of looking at it, it is a physical fault, rather than a moral fault, that Negro boxers cannot withstand the heavy drubbings.

"Young Peter aJckson seemed to be one exception to this rule, though at that he was never devoid of science and skill.

"Still, I think that Young Peter was the only prominent Negro boxer who got to the front mainly through his ability to take hard usage.

"Some persons always considered Walcott a very game man, and he was, but he couldn't take a body beating. Walcott had an iron jaw, but when his opponents got to his stomach Joe did not like the going.

"It is strange, indeed, but it is a fact that white lads stand up better under a beating than do the black men. Barring probably Young Peter Jackson. I cannot recall one Negro boxer who would be called a demon for taking it."

Taking a different tact, Burns paid a glowing tribute to the late Stanley Ketchel as a hitter. "He was indeed a wonder," mused Burns, referring to the former champion. "I think he was the greatest free hitter the boxing game ever knew. Ketchel was not an educated hitter, but he had the force of a mule's kick in either hand.

Johnson Feared Ketchel.

"I'm not telling you any secret when I say Johnson feared Ketchel more than he feared any other opponent, not excepting Jim Jeffries. Not that Johnson did not believe he could beat Ketchel, but Jack always held eKtchel's punishing powers in holy dread.

"He used to say to me, 'Boy, that man jes' like lightnin'. If he ever hits you then you are daid, jes' th' same as if a bolt of lightnin' smashed into you.'

"It has always been my opinion that Ketchel at his best could have licked any man in the world he could have made connection with. I always held the opinion that Ketchel would have licked Jeffries had they have been matched, and Johnson had the same idea.

"Had Ketchel been a patient student of the game, lived a model life and educated himself in the finer points of the game, there is no telling how great he would have been, and at that time he was a very great ringman," concluded Burns.

THE TIP-TOP FIGHTERS.

Morris Loses His White Hope Opportunity—Johnson-Wells Fight Will Be a Go in England—Talking on the Old Master, Joe Gans, Etc., Etc.

By Billy.

As a prospective white man's hope, Carl Morris has proven a great big flounder. His sorry ending with Flynn in New York last week almost taboos him as a member of the game. He would fight Johnson. When Jack showed at the Empire theater at Indianapolis, some months ago he said that Morris had no chance, whatever, and that he thought more of his boxing partner's chances than he did of Morris'. Since that time both have been hopelessly beaten. The degenerate age seems barren of issue.

I think of Sullivan, Fitzsimmons and Jeffries wailing in concert: "Make me a child again just for tonight."' White men! must Johnson die before——. But I forgot; I am a Negro. But at that it does appear shameful that Johnson cannot find a white man of whom he might expect a respectable fight.

The mantle of the possible "white hope" distinction logically descends to the shoulders of Jim Flynn, from Pueblo. What will he do with it? Morris' showing was miserably poor in view of his fifty pounds of excess flesh over Flynn and his five inches in height. Flynn's weight, 175 pounds; Morris' weight 222 pounds. To what use were all this avoirdupois?

The following is what was said on the day of the fight:

"Flynn is a fighter of ten years' experience, who has met nearly all the big heavyweights, including Jack Johnson. His experience and generalship are expected to offset in some degree Morris' tremendous advantage in weight and reach. Morris weight 230 pounds and Flynn 180.

Top gallery seats at the garden today sold for $3, with prices ranging up to $20 for the ringside boxes. The bout is expected to net about $40,000.

If Morris shows decided superiority his friends will proclaim him king of the "white hopes," with little fear of contradiction. A message received from a prominent London sporting man says that Johnson is keenly interested in the result of the match and is planning if Morris wins, to make an early return to America in expectation of a battle with the new aspirant."

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The Johnson Bombadier Wells fight was by no means certain until a few days ago in spite of the hurrah. The church people, the army people and other bodies opposed the fight there, in England, as they do in America, notwithstanding the fact that England is the home of the sport. As it is now understood the go will take place October 2 at Earl's Court, London, England, an amusement place now controlled by an American promoter.

The betting is very much in favor of Johnson. Some, however, thing the big Englishman will beat the American Negro champion, and are placing their money according to their judgment. According to report Johnson thinks very well of Wells. But he is confident that the big Englishman will go down before him.

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The Philadelphia Press had the following to say of Johnson in a recent issue:

"During Jack Johnson's stay of about four days in luxurious Hotel Picadilly, the management often comented upon the quiet manners of the pugilist, and explained that it was only on account of the other guests that he had been requested to vacate. He was always unostentatious about the place, entering and leaving by a side entrance.

There was much comment upon his appearance. He has increased greatly in weight and large quantities of chicken were sent to the room in which all his meals were served.

As previous cable dispatches have reported, a stranger called at the hotel one day last week and engaged one of the best suites in the house for "Mr. Johnson and party." On Monday of this week the Johnson party arrived, consisting of a white valet, a white woman nurse, the pugilist's white wife, who apparently was quite ill; dusky Jack, and the man that engaged the apartment, who turned out to be Johnson's white secretary.

Jack's golden smile was strongly in evidence as the party marched to their rooms, and the management was too horrified, too dumb-stricken to protest.

Next morning, however, the management politely sent word to Johnson to vacate. He went down to the lobby and eloquently pleaded that his wife was ill and it would be impossible for him to leave. This was quite true, so the management relented, but said he must move as soon as possible."

The foregoing may be a yarn, but it's not me that's telling it. It is making the rounds of the American press, ror does it make such wholesome reading. In time our race will learn the real truth of conditions; not to think that one blue bird makes a summer. Some color prejudice everywhere on the globe where the thing is possible. This means for Jack Johnson or Booker T. Washington. It is as blind as justice should be.

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It is wonderful how the sport world raves over little Joe Gans. The color line fairly lost its meaning in his case. He was so clearly master of his game that one thinks of him as with bowed head, wreath of oak or laurel in hand and a willing mind to cast it on his tomb. He was as a racing yacht whose movements are good to see; and which the world loves to see in action. Willing hands clung to him in an effort to hold him against the world's old foe. Shall I say foe? I mean Charon, the Styx—Blucher-Night, any old thing that shuts us up in eternity. He was another Mozart whose chord was snapped ere yet it were attuned. Joseph Gans, the most gentlemanly fighter, stood at the head of his class. As a result of his ringcraft, fifty-two fighting men heard the knell of the fatal ten.

Gans did not pick his men always. All weights gave way before his fistic science and ring generalship.

It was my pleasure to meet Joe Gans some years ago in the city of Indianapoils. I was struck by his manner of acting. He preferred the very best of company and not too much of that. He gave no side-show exhibitions in company, but apparently was the most modest one of them all. He was direct and purposeful in all he said or did, with a tendency to chill any who sought to take advantage of the fact that he was in the fighting business. He had no little tendencies to criticize. In fact, in appearance he was a clean gentleman, only associated with the fighting business merely as a business.

This, of course, was when Gans had made his mark. He had money, and the chances are he had investments which in the watching had taken all the hilarity out of him. He was like many young white men and some colored men also who seem to feel the weight of these responsibilities, consequently had no time for grinning and guffawing. I thought very much of Mr. Gans as everyone else did.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA.

By John Beck.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The first conference that was ever held in the state of Arizona was held last week in the A. M. E. church, of which Rev. H. Franklin Bray, is pastor, and the good people of Phoenix made a history for themselves which will go down on record with the first conference in a new state. The first night of the opening session, Hon. Governor Richard Sloan delivered the address of welcome in behalf of the state; Rev. Z. Z. Johnson in behalf of the churches of the city; Rev. W. T. Thornton in behalf of the A. M. E. church, and Miss Ardmore Lewis in behalf of the Sunday school, and response was made in behalf of the conference by the silver tongue orator, Dr. Hurst, of Washington, D. C., followed by the Honorable Bishop Park, of Chicago, Ill....Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sheirley took a party of the visiting friends out sight seeing in their auto, and they were very much impressed with the beautiful desert and express a desire to make Phoenix their home....Rev. T. H. Wiseman, whom we all love, left last week for North Carolina, where he will take up the work as a minister of the gospel, and while we regret to lose Mr. Wiseman, we can but wish for him God's blessings and while it is our lot to lose one of the finest voices that the southwest affords, Carolina rejoices at the gain....Mr. R. D. Mitchell, who attended the K. of P. encampment in Indianapolis, Ind., arrived last week and reports a delightful time and is very much impressed with the city, so we may lose him at any time, who can tell?....Miss Minnie Taylor, one of our popular young ladies, who looked after the Bishop and saw that he had all of the comforts of life, was the chief executor in making such a lasting impression upon them as they enjoyed the appetizing meals prepared by her....Miss Lena Wells visited the conference last Saturday morning and after listening to an excellent program, ordered her Pope-Hartford car and gave them an outing which they enjoyed. The seating capacity of Miss Well's car is ten and it was crowded and they were taken at a merry gait over the desert and out on the longest concrete bridge in the world. One of the reverends expressed a desire that he wouldn't care if conference lasted here in Phoenix a week longer, but Miss Wells made no reply. Wonder why?....Mr. and Mrs. Paul Green had their little baby baptized by Bishop Park last Sunday morning. Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Council were the God father and mother....Rev. W. T. Thornton left last week for Globe, where he will take charge as pastor of the A. M. E. church. We wish him all the blessings that life can give....The people of the A. M. E. church rejoice when it is told that Rev. Bray will be left with us for another year. Rev. Bray has done a great work here and will do more that will bespeak that the colored people here are on the upward march, and if we will follow him he will lead us to that great city of success....The C. M. E. conference convened here last Wednesday morning with a large attendance. Bishop Phillips is in charge....The colored people of Phoenix have need to rejoice in being honored with two conferences in the dawn of a new state, and now it is left to us to make footprints on the sands of time in the state of Arizona at the beginning, for the mill can never grind again with water that is past....Now is the time to subscribe to The Freeman, while it is only one ($1.) dollar a year. Do it now, lest you forget.

TERRE HAUTE, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Miss Virginia Feming, of 1928 Eighth avenue, will leave for Henderson, Ky., about the 18th of September, for a recital Her mother, Mrs. Martha Hunter, will accompany her and will visit friends and relatives in the city. Miss Feming entertained at dinner Tuesday in honor of Miss Mattie Tylor and Miss Bertha Richardson, who have been in the city attending the State Normal. They have since left for their homes at New Orleans....Mrs. Curtis entertained with a luncheon after church Sunday evening in honor of her sister, Mrs. Lizzie Jackson. Those present were Miss Feming, Mrs. Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. Cotton, Mr. and Mrs. Pain. Mrs. Jackson left for South Bend Tuesday morning....Mrs. G. U. Stewart entertained Thursday at dinner with Mrs. Jones, of Spokane, Wash., who is in the city visiting her sister, Mrs. Blanche Stewart....Mr. Bert Mathews, of 3005 North Thirteen and a half street, has been very ill, but is now improving.

NEWPORT, ARK., DOTS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The grand lodge, Royal Circle Friends of the World met here. About six hundred delegates attended. Dr. R. A. Williams, of Helena, Ark., was re-elected president. Helena was well represented, having a uniform rank and brass band. Texarkana was chosen for next year....Mrs. Louis Green arrived home from Chicago, where she has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. E. Pillow....Dr. H. R. McMillan, S. S. Octorn, G. H. Warren and several others left for Pittsburg, Pa., for the National Baptist convention....Oden and Warren concert at the opera house was well attended. The Helena band furnished the music....Edgar Smith made a hit in the Circle parade Saturday. He drove a buggy with Mrs. Plains, of Brinkley....The Newport ball club defeated the Brinkley team three straight....Taylor and Henderson have opened a nice barber shop in Hubble & Matthews new pool hall....Miss Bobbie Wade, of Little Rock, is visiting here....You will find The Freeman at J. Edgar Smith's pressing shop, 418 Second street.

LATE HAPPENINGS IN HANDSBORO, MISS.

By Wallace P. Gant.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Miss Viola Hurst, of New Orleans, La., has been over for a few weeks' stay with Mrs. E. L. Smith....Miss H. Anderson, of New Orleans, is visiting Miss Delia White....Prof. J. W. Randolph, of Pas Christian, Miss., was up here last Tuesday....Miss Nora V. Solomon was over a few days ago. She has returned to the city....Miss G. Williams, of New Orleans, was here this week spending a few days with Mrs. E. L. Smith....Rev. W. H. Smith was in Yazoo City, Miss., on business last week....Mrs. Alameda Bertrand is improving....Miss Delia White spent a week in New Orleans in August....Schooltime is approaching, and great preparations are being made by a great number of Handsboroians to go to college. Among those that are preparing to go are Misses Leona Boyd, Maud Coffey, Eva Wells, Rosa Rankins and Mamie Smith, and Messrs. Theodore Boyd, Emil Boyd, Joseph Bertrand, Alcie Boyd and Wallace P. Gant. Some will go to New Orleans University and some to Alcorn A, and M. college..Misses Viola Breaux, Ora Curtis, Dorothy Davis and Mrs. Leona Franklin and Mr. Robert Breaux, of Biloxi, Miss., were here last Wednesday and spent the day with Miss Leona Boyd. They had a delightful time in Handsboro......Mr. Allen Merritt, the father of Mr. Jackson Merritt, died Monday, September 4, aged eighty odd years. Mr. Merritt leaves a great host of friends to mourn his loss. The funeral was conducted by Mr. Percy Young, on Wednesday. The sermon was delivered by Elder E. B. Young, and was attended by a large crowd....Mr. Albert Hart seems to be very popular with all the young ladies, those that are in Handsboro and all the others that come in from different places....Handsboro public school opened the first Monday in this month with a very large number considering that it was Labor Day. Miss Alice K. Moffett, principal and Miss Amanda Waters assisting teacher.....Miss Rosa Trotter and her sister, Miss Warneata, spent last Tuesday with Miss Mammie Smith, August 29....Mr. Geo. Box is on the sick list this week....Mrs. Alice Boyd made a flying trip to Biloxi the other day....Miss Bernice Evans, of Mackhenry, Miss., was a visitor of Miss Amanda Waters a few Sundays ago....Mrs. Marie Butler, of New Orleans, was over visiting Mrs. Idel Barrett wee kbefore last....Mr. Norman Thomas is very sick this week....Mr. Eddie Reynolds says that he has improved a great deal since his trip to New Orleans, and he thinks that he will be able to get out to work....Mrs. Lalier Bird has been ill for several weeks. We hope that her sickness will not turn out to be anything serious....If anybody wishes to subscribe for The Freeman, call and see Wallace P. Gant at once......Miss Martha Reynolds is preparing to go to New Orleans University this fall....Mr. William Gant is on the road to recovery. We hope he will continue....Mr. Joseph Bertrand was in Biloxi last Saturday night on business....Mr. Henry Grant and William Jackson were in Biloxi Saturday night on society business.

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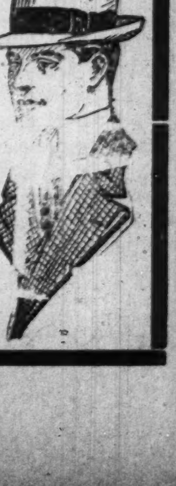

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CITY AND VICINITY.

Mrs. Hattie Dorty is convalescing.

Mrs. Jesse Nickolson is much better.

Mr. Robert Johnson, of Tipton, Ind., is in the city.

Mrs. Fannie Linear has returned home from Chicago.

Mrs. Sallie Robinson and son are visiting in Danville, Ky.

Mr. John Campbell is much improved at the City Hospital.

Mrs. Ella Henry, in North California street, is seriously ill.

Mrs. Robert Kende is visiting her parents in Georgetown, Ky.

Mr. Robert Winn, of Lexington, Ky., visited here last week.

Miss Bertha Tracey, of Muncie, spent several days here last week.

Mr. Hugh Cowan, of Muncie, spent several days here last week.

Miss Herbert Webber is confined to her home in Camp street this week.

Miss Rebecca Jones was hostess to the Young Ladies Club last Thursday.

Mrs. Guy Martin, in West Twelfth street, is visiting in Shelbyville, Ind.

Mrs. George Patterson, of Kokomo, was seen shopping in this city this week.

The marriage of Miss Susie Brown and Mr. James Mullen has been announced.

Mrs. Margaret Thornton left Wednesday for Chicago, to remain indefinitely.

Mr. Greene Jackson, of Greencastle, spent last Sunday among friends here.

Mrs. Alex Horton, of Cleveland, Ohio, is visiting relatives and friends indefinitely.

Mrs. Harry Jackson underwent a successful operation at the City Hospital last week.

Mrs. Maria Harris, in West Vermont street, is able to be out after a serious illness.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Carter will leave Sunday for Jacksonville, Fla., for the winter.

A dinner for the benefit of charity will be served at Fielding's dining-room on Sunday.

Mrs. Ora Jefferson, in West North street, returned home Sunday morning from Chicago.

Edward Simmons is suffering from an attack of hreumatism at his home, 2219 Yandes street.

Mrs. Frank Brown and children departed last Saturday for their home in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mr. Richey, of Muncie, arrived Saturday to be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Timberlake.

Mr. Bush Wright, a prosperous farmer, of Middlesboro, Ky., was in the city this week speculating.

Miss Anna Mays left Thursday for Nashville, Tenn., to complete her training in Fisk University.

Samatitan Court, No. 37, will hold its regular meeting at Pythian Hall, Monday evening, at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. Henrietta Moss, in Camp street, has returned home from Denver, Col., and is much benefited in health.

Mrs. Carrie Andrews, of Terre Haute, Ind., is the house guest of Mrs. John Dent, in Alvord street, for two weeks.

Mesdames Robert Lewis and Henry Saunders, of Louisville, Ky., were among the guests of the city last Sunday.

Mr. Roscoe Simmons returned to his home in Dayton, Ohio, after a pleasant stay of four weeks with relatives.

Dr. Raymond King, formerly of this city, now of New York City, was the guest of W. H. Fielding Wednesday.

The White Rose and Blue Ribbon Club will meet with Mrs. Katie Johnson, in North West street, next Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Katie Embry, in Blake street, left Thursday afternoon for a visit to her sister, Mrs. Ella McColl, in New York City.

Miss Carrie Tamner left Friday morning for Wilberforce University, where she will complete her training this term.

Mrs. Emma Davis, in Minerva street, entertained at luncheon in honor of Miss Nellie Carter, of Chicago, Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. George Delaney have returned from Lake Maxinkuckee, after spending the summer there. They report a fine time.

Mrs. Hattie Carter visited in Chicago last Sunday and was accompanied home by her neice, Miss Nellie Carter, a sweet soprano singer, and is widely known in musical circles at her home. Several social functions are planned in honor.

FEVER DESTROYED HER HAIR

Two years ago I had fever which took out all my hair, I used your Pomade and now have a nice head of hair, long and thick. I owe it to your Pomade, writes Mrs. L. Garrett, 3619 Dearborn St. Chicago, Ill.

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Mrs. Fannie Williams Mosby has returned from Brooklyn, N. Y., and is at home with her sister, Mrs. E. B. Fleming, 535 Drake street.

Mrs. Sarah Cage, of Nashville, Tenn., has been the house guest of Mrs. Nancy Walker, 527 West Twelfth street. She returned home Wednesday.

Mr. Norman Riley and Miss Katie Proctor, of Clarksville, Tenn., were quietly married Monday, September 18. They will make this city their home.

Misses Edith Finn, Gertrude Rice and Kathleen Higgins, of Cincinnati, Ohio, were the guests of Miss Nannie Claybourne, in Blake street, last Sunday.

Miss Edith Duncan, in Fayette street, entertained a number of friends Monday afternoon. The time was spent in bridge whist. An enjoyable luncheon was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Buckner, of Nashville, Tenn., are making this city their home and will be pleased to see their friends at their home, 725 West Pratt street.

Miss Pearl Wilson, in North West street, entertained a few friends at a dinner Thursday evening i nhonor of Miss Carrie Tanner, a student of Wilberforce University.

Mrs. Leulla Walker, in Paca street, was hostess at a dinner in honor of Mrs. Gertrude Elliott, of Louisville, Ky., who has been a guest in the city for the past few weeks.

Mrs. Mabel Lewis, in Yandes street, entertained in honor of her husband's birthday, Tuesday evening. Dainty refreshments were served and an enjoyable time was spent by all present.

Mr. Harry Cooper returned to the city last Saturday after a pleasant tour throughout the East and several points West. Mr. Cooper is well known in this city as a popular chauffeur.

Mr. William Terry, of Muncie, and Miss Mary Martin were quietly married Monday evening at the home of the bride's parents and departed Tuesday for Gary, Ind., where they will make their future home.

G. L. Knox was elected delegate to the Lexington annual conference of the M. E. Church, which meets at Columbus, Ohio, March, 1912. Wm. Cook was elected alternate. They were chosen from Simpson Chapel.

Mrs. Hattie Combs returned to the city Monday, having been called to Detroit, Mich., on account of the illness of her sister and death of her mother. Her many friends deeply sympathize with her in her distress.

The members of Second Baptist Church surprised their pastor, Rev. B. J. Prince, at his residence in California street, Monday evening, in honor of his forty-nnth brthday. Many useful presents, as well as returns of the day, were received and highly appreciated by him.

HENRY W. JACKSON DIES—WELL KNOWN IN THIS CITY.

The funeral services of Henry W. Jackson, a highly respected citizen of this city, were held at Bethel A. M. E. church Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock, in charge of Phillips Lodge No. 10, Western Star Temple, and Eastern Star Temple of Juvenilles. The Rev. T. A. Smyth, assisted by the Rev. J. L. Harvey of Allen Chapel church and other ministers delivered the discourse and Miss Bertha House rendered an appropriate solo. Resolutions were offered from the East End Needle Club, Gold Star Club and various clubs and classes of Bethel and Allen Chapel churches. He leaves to mourn their loss a wife, son and a large number of friends. The Freeman extends its heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved ones.

SIMPSON M. E. CHURCH.

Rev. H. W. Tate, D. D., Pastor.

Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m., Sunday, by the pastor. Morning subject: "The Power of Real Religion." Evening subject: "The Salvation of the Thief."

Hon. G. L. Knox was elected delegate to the lay electoral conference at Columbus, Ohio, which meets in March, 1912. Wm. Cook was elected alternate.

Communion services on Sunday, October 1, at 11 a. m. Class rally, Tuesday evening, September 26.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

All men are invited to atend the prayer and praise service that will be held in the Y. M. C. A. Building on Sunday at 4 p. m. Mr. H. L. Sanders is the leader of this series of meetings that are being held for the purpose of securing divine guidance in matters pertaining to the securing of a permanent home. The committee of management is hoping that the meeting of citizens, which is expected to be called this fall by the board of directors, will indorse the need of a new home for this work and will ask that the central board naugurate a campaign for the same, and they are working, that when the time comes, they may be found ready to co-operate to the fullest extent. The need is great and something must be done at once, if the splendid work of construction, already accomplished, is to be conserved.

The fall work this year will open in a formal way with a Bible rally, Sunday, September 24. This meeting will be in the hands of the men of the Tuesday Night Bible Class, and is expected to surpass all former Bible rallies. All men are asked to keep this date in mind.

The Glee Club is open to all men who desire to improve themselves along lines of voice culture. This group meets every Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. The Y. M. C. A. Band is doing much to instill in those who are musically inclined a desire for music of a high order, and any young man who desires to learn any band instrument will find this a splendid opportunity for doing so. W. H. Minton has been chosen director of the band in place of Walter Rollins, who resigned.

Senior gymnasium class will hold its first regular class session on Monday, September 25. All persons who are full members are entitled to the privileges of the gymnasium.

AT KENTUCKY'S CAPITAL.

Prof. George W. Hays Elected to Faculty of the Normal Institute—Federation of Women Coming Here—Atlanta Mutual Insurance Association to Establish Here—Personal and Social News.

By Hardin Tolbert.

(425 Washington street. Old Phone 654.)

Prof. George W. Hays, an energetic young man and a former graduate of the Normal Institute and of the High School, of Cincinnati, out of the fifty applications considered by the trustees of this institute, was elected professor of the printing department. Prof. Hays is an example for other young men. He attended the Cincinnati Night School until he reached the senior year, and after graduating went back to begin a business course. In the meantime he was called here. He supports his sister in school here and is the principal support of his parents. Mr. W. L. Anderson, editor of The Pilot, where he has been employed for six years, said of him in a recommendation to the faculty as follows: "He has a standing invitation to come back whenever he feels it needful. His place in our affections will remain untenanted, save for the dear memories left behind, until its former occupant may desire to return."

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The State Federation of Women is to meet in this city on Friday and Saturday following Thanksgiving. The people of this city are preparing now for this convention, as if it was next week. The country people have promised as much turkey and fresh hog meat as this delegation of visitors can dispose of. The doors of all the Frankfort homes will be open to receive the visitors free of charge. The people have pledged themselves to xtnd to these women, who are working so earnestly for the rising generation, their concerted help. It was the unanimous consent of the people that these women should be received as the May. This is the slogan of Mrs. C. W. Anderson in every nook and corner. Mrs. Anderson is vice president and a member of the Women's Improvement Club of this city, and was made treasurer of it the first year she was in the city. She is a graduate of the State University, and has held many honorable positions, and is now the principal of the agdad Public Schools.

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The Mutual Insurance Association, with its headquarters at Atlanta, Ga., will open in this State with headquarters at Louisville; and there will be branch offices all over the State. This is a rich opportunity open for young boys and girls.

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Miss Florence Anderson, the daughter of Dr. C. W. Anderson, a former member of the faculty of the National Medical College in Louisville, and a leading physician in this city. Miss Anderson has accepted the position as instructor of the domestic science department of the Denton Institute in Mavlon. Miss Anderson is a graduate of the Louisville High School and Hampton Institute, Va., and is the only teacher in this institute in her 'teens.

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Miss Ella Gains is very ill with lagrippe. Many friends express their sympathy for her by sending flowers and fruit. Miss Gains is a resident in Long Lane avenue.

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Mrs. C. Mayson, in Second street, gave a reception. The lawn was decorated with a white sheet spread over the grass as if it was snow. All kinds of colors of lights were used and an imitation of a snow man in the middle of the lawn. The guests were served with German fried potatoes, chicken on toast, tomatoes with French dressing and ice cream and cake. Those present were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Ben. Gowns, Mr. and Mrs. W. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Brown, of Columbus, Ohio; Mrs. A. L. Todd, of Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. A. Butcher, Mr. Sam Butler, Mr. J. Beam, Mrs. Lizzie Sleets, Mr. J. Johnson, Mrs. M. Metcalf. After the luncheon the party was invited into the parlors, and many classical selections were rendered on the piano.

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Mr. and Mrs. William Riley spent Sunday in Louisville, visiting friends.

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Miss Tomma Higgins, of Harrisburg, is visiting Mrs. Mattie Miller in Logan street.

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Mrs. Julia Thompson, who was overheated in puting up fruit a few days ago, is recovering.

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Mrs. Laura Washington, of Lexington, is visiting Mrs. Morin Butcher, in Third street.

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Mrs. Carrie Monte is visiting Mrs. Louis Morton of Lexington.

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Miss Willie Silvey, a teacher in the public schools of Midway, was in the city a few days, as the guest of her parents.

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Miss Mary Martin, of Shelbyville, was the guest of Mrs. Ben Dillon in Washington street. Miss Martin had many receptions given in her honor.

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Mrs. Pat Green will give a chicken pie supper at her desidence in Washington street, Saturday night, September 23.

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Mr. Eddie Hayden, who is well prepared to support a wife, desires an industrious young maiden.

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Mrs. Pat Green, Jr., brought five lots in Normal Heights. Mrs. Green will begin building at once.

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Mrs. Ella Crozier, son and daughter, of Danville, are visiting Mrs. Chaney E. Johnson.

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Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brown, of Columbus, Ohio, who have been in the city for a few days visiting Mrs. Lizzie Sleets, left for their home. Many receptions were given in their honor.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Canada took breakfast with some of the guests of Mrs. Sleets Saturday morning before they left for home.

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Mr. Scipo Garth, the talented violinist, who has been sick with rheumatism for over three months, left Saturday for Decato, Ala., to spend the winter in hopes of regaining his health.

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Mrs. W. H. Mayo, in Wilkerson street, who has been sick for a few years, is now quite ill.

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Mr. Todd, a prominent citizen, is improving from a hard spell of sickness.

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Mr. John Canada and daughter, in Logan street, spent a day in Versailles.

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Mrs. Ogie Harris is very ill with lagrippe.

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Mrs. Minnie Calhoun is very ill with the fever.

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Mr. John Canada, who caught an 18-pound fish, had a hard struggle for two hours to get the big fellow to the bank.

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Rev. W. T. Silvey, of the First Baptist Church, delivered a sermon at the Corinthian Baptist Church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. A large audience was present to hear him.

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Rev. Fishback, a graduate of State University, former pastor of the Corinthian Baptist Church and representative of The Freeman, preached at his church Sunday night to a large and appreciative audience, who welcomed him home again. He has been in Kansas for the last three years.

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Mr. Samuel Thomas is recovering from a severe attack of rheumatism and is able to be walking around now.

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Misses Juniper and Harris attended the Lexington fair in a party.

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Miss Alice Brown visited friends in Lexington and attended the fair.

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A large delegation of people attended the Lexington fair from this city.

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A concert was given at Corinthian Baptist Church Monday night, which was well attended.

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On Tuesday night the choir of Corinthian Baptist Church meets, and on Wednesday night is prayer meeting. The club meets on Friday night. The Church Aid Society will meet with Mrs. Julia Dents Friday afternoon, and a subject will be discussed and refreshments served. A chicken pie supper will be given Saturday night at the residence of Mrs. Bell Taylor for the benefit of the church. Mrs. Bell resides on Elm street. Rev. E. J. Jackson as pastor.

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At the A. M. E. Church the following meetings occur during the week: Monday night, officers' meeting; Tuesday night, prayer meeting; Wednesday nigh, choir pracice; Thursday night, class meeting. Rev. Thompson, D. D., is pastor.

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Meetings for the week at the First Baptist Church are as follows: Tuesday night, prayer meeting; Wednesday night, choir practice; Thursday night, preaching. Rev. W. T. Silvey, pastor.

IN AND ABOUT PENSACOLA, FLA.

By Walker W. Thomas.

(The Thomas News Bureau, 18 South Targona street. Phone 821.)

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Misses Beatrice and Bessie Gordon and Miss Nellie Fernandez entertained in honor of Mr. F. J. Carter, a graduate of the senior class of Snow Hill Institute, of Snow Hill, Ala. The evening was spent in dancing and games, and delicious refreshments were served to the guests, who reported a very delightful time. The guests present were. Misses Hazel Lyman, Eulia McConica, Minnie Gerlds, D. Watson, Wheeler Ridley, Augustine Harvey, Lottie Steward, Katie Todd, Julia Watkins, Alberta Nelson, Louise Allen, Nellie Dean, Mildred Hudgens, Mrs. Cora Cunningham and G. Stollworth; Messrs. Matt Boylin, F. J. Carter, G. Arnold, Wm. McReynolds, Henry McWilliams, Dave Payavean, Willie Johnson, Raymond Dorsey, Oscar Suries, George Hudgen, Coy Beck, James Lyman, Charlie Howard, W. Stollworth, J. H. Suries, Jimmie Harris, James Oliver, R. Lampkin, W. J. Cheeseboro, Francis and Walker W. Thomas.... Miss Gladys Johnson delightfully entertained last week in honor of her aunt, Mrs. Samuel Sunday, at her beautiful home on the east side. Quite a large number of the younger set was present and everybody reported a very delightful time....Mrs. Katie Trimble, who has been the guest of her mother, Mrs. John Nelson, left for her home in Montgomery, Ala....Mr. Edward Thompson, of Canmoent, Fla., was in the city the guest of of Mr. Thomas Hicks....Mrs. Alice Lindsey died last week. Many friends attended the funeral services....Herman Lewis, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Lewis, died last week after a very short illness....Mrs. Mary E. Thomas entertained at a luncheon on the bay shore in honor of Mrs. Evelyn Richardson, of St. Louis, Mo., who is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frizar. Among those present were Miss M. L. Gaskin, Mrs. Alfred Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. Frizar and Mr. Alexander....Mr. Ernest Barris returned last week from Mobile, Ala., after spending a few days. He reported a fine trip. ....Miss Eulise Allen entertained in honor of her guests, Misses Barnett and Williams, of Montgomery, Ala., at Morro Castle Park last week. A very enjoyable evening was spent and delicious refreshments were served to the guests, who included Miss Rosa Harris, of Evergreen, Ala.; Legurtha Watson, Lillian Simpson; Messrs. Lymus Watson, Clayton Allen, C. Chandler, J. R. Weatherspoon, Erven and Marion Simpson....Mr. Robert Obanna left for New Orleans, La., where he will spend some time in the Crescent City.... If you go to the K. of P. Hall, be sure you carry a duster along with you; it will pay you to do so....The Young Men's Club entertained at the Pensacola Normal School building last week....We are very sorry that there is not a decent boarding house in this city for colored people. It was reported a few days ago that a family of very light complexion had to take rooms in a white boarding house. They were from Montgomery, Ala....Miss Rosa Lee Moyer returned from Camell, Ala., where she went to visit her parents....It has been reported that there will be several new teachers coming from south Florida here to get a job in the public schools. Well, I guess they will get one without any trouble at all. It matters not how well educated a teacher may be or how much taxes he pays, if he is from Pensacola he will not be favored with teachers from elsewhere. Whatch that now....Miss Alberta Nelson and Mrs. Cora Cunningham returned from Jacksonville, Fla., after spending a few weeks of pleasure with friends and relatives....Mr. John Sayles will leave in a few days for Chicago, Ill., where he will make his future home. Mr. Sayles' many friends here regret his departure, having been a resident of this city for the past five years and has proven to be quite popular in the local society set—the so-called younger set....Mrs. Katie Trimble, who has been the guest of her mother, Mrs. John Nelson, returned to her home in Montgomery, Ala. She reported a very delightful stay....Miss Rosa Lee Moyer was quietly married to Mr. Robert Brinkley last week. They have the best wishes of their many friends....Walker W. Thomas was the guest of Mr. Edward Thompson, of Cantomoent, Fla., last week....The mock trial and verdict will be reported in next week's issue. This will be one of the grandest trials of the season. The case will be argued by some of the city's best or would-be attorneys. Watch next week's issue....Mrs. H. G. Williams is the guest of relatives in Mobile, Ala., for a few weeks....Mrs. Dawkins, who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. M. M. Lewey, left for her home in Jacksonville, Fla....The Florida Sentinel force has been very hard at work getting the neat little pamphlet of the history of Mt. Zion Baptist Church ready for the public. It can be found at the Thomas News Bureau, 18 South Tarrgonna street, next week. Price, 25c. One of these little pamphlets should be in every colored home; so don't forget to buy one....Mrs. Willie King has returned from St. Louis, Mo., where she has been spending a few weeks of pleasure. She reports a delightful trip....Mr. W. W. Alexander, G. C. C. of K. of P., of Apalachicola, Fla., was in the city last week on business. His many friends were glad to see him....Dr. J. A. White, of Apalachicola, Fla., passed through the city last week en route to various points in the North, Knoxville and Nashville, Tenn.; Washington, D. C., and New York City. We anticipate a pleasant trip for the doctor....Dont' forget to report your news to the Thomas News Bureau, 18 S. Tarrgonna street. Phone 821. Walker W. Thomas, special agent.

BATTLE CREEK, MICH.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Rigney, of Erie street, is on the sick list. She has a very sore eye....Mrs. George Marshall has returned home after a visit in Columbus, Dayton, Hamilton and Oxford, Ohio....The reception of Mr. and Mrs. Warren was a social success. The affair occurred at their home last Tuesday, and was largely atended. A delightful time was spent. Mr. and Mrs. Warren received many valuable presents. ....While in Modoc Mrs. Buckner was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Margaret Scott, and later of her cousin and family in Richmond, Ind. While there she attended the last session of the Indiana annual conference....Mrs. Kitsmiller entertained for her sister on last Tuesday evening. There were many persons present. A luncheon was served, and a delightful evening was spent by all.... Mesdames James A. Mitchell and Wallace Tyler were hosteses Tuesday evening in honor of Mrs. Frances Colton, of Chicago, and Mrs. John Snipes, of Terre Haute, Ind....Little Lucille A. Mitchell celebrated her second birthday anniversary Wednesday afternoon, September 6. A fine two-course luncheon was served. Little Vivian Colton was the out-of-town guest. The hostess was well remembered with gifts....Mrs. George Foles and Mrs. John Gaines entertained fifty ladies on Wednesday at the residence of Hrs. John Gaines, in honor of Mrs. Harry Winburn and Mrs. Frank Waters, of Chicago. Mrs. Winburns leaves for her home in Gueda Springs, Kans.,, and Mrs. Waters will go to her home in Chicago. Mrs. James Simmons was an out-of-town guest.... Miss Susie Katzmiller, of Knoxville, Tenn., is the guest of her brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Katzmiller, of 91 Morry street....Mrs. Katzmiller entertained for her sister last Thursday evening....Mr. Elmer Fanell, of Toledo, Ohio, was the guest of Miss Mildred Valentine over Sunday....Miss Mildred Valentine entertained at dinner Sunday in honor of Mr. Elmer Fanell....Don't forget your agent, Gussie Beny, or phone your items to 1065-J....Mrs. Haley entertained Rev. Judd and wife Sunday.

BOONVILLE, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Claude Smith returned Wednesday to resume his studies at Meharry's Medical College....Chester Hunter spent Sunday in Evansville visiting relatives.... Chaun Green is convalescing....Mrs. Robert Dunning has moved to Evansville ....Master George Anderson is sick with the typhoid fever, on West Miami street ....The following attended the baseball game between the B. B. and Heilman Stars at Evansville, Sunday: Mrs. Cleona Parker, Miss Lizzie Belay, Noble Phines and Mrs. Anna Belay....A large crowd is expected to attend the Emancipation celebration at Oak Summit park, Evansville.

LOVER'S GUIDE.

Tells "How to Woo an Heiress," "How to Court a Bashful Girl." "How a Lady Should Manage Her Beau to Make Him Propose Marriage," "How to Catch a Rich Bachelor," "Love Letters," "How to Win the Favor of the Ladies,' "Wedding Etiquette,' etc. All subjects treated in a way most helpful to lovers. This great book will be sent postpaid for only 10c, or 3 for 25c coin. Oliver Elmore & Co., Box 333, Rome, Ga.

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